



EUROPEAN UNION – NIGERIA PROJECT SHEET

Project Title	Support for Regional Integration in West Africa
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Sector	Regional Integration & Trade	Budget (N)	
Location	West Africa	Budget (€equiv.)	€105 Million
Start Date (Est.)		End date (Est.)	31.12.2011

Implementing Partner	ECOWAS Executive Secretariat, UEMOA Commission
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Objective	To Contribute to the gradual integration of the West African Region into the World Economy by strengthening regional economic integration and trade through support to the ECOWAS Secretariat, the UEMOA Commission, West African states including Mauritania, and non-state actors (NSAs). To support the Regional Organisations and Member States of the Region to achieve an operating customs union and making progress towards a common market in West Africa. This includes macro economic harmonisation, the improvement of the legal and administrative framework through institutional capacity building, including the capacity of NSAs to intervene in the regional integration process. It also provides support in raising the competitiveness of the private sector.
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Description
<p>The aim of the project is to support the efforts of the two Regional Organisations to advance their regional integration programmes. The programme builds on the PARI experience with the UEMOA and includes the following components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Completion of customs union, including common external tariff;- Macroeconomic surveillance and convergence;- Institutional capacity building- Enhanced participation of NSA in the regional integration process;- Support to productivity and competitiveness of the private sector <p>It will be implemented conjointly by the ECOWAS Secretariat and the UEMOA Commission, in collaboration with the Member States.</p> <p>Important parts of the project will be implemented through Contribution Agreements to be signed between ECOWAS, UEMOA and the European Commission. See ECOWAS Contribution Agreement and NSA Participation Project Sheet for more details.</p>

Results Achieved
Signature of the Financing Agreement expected end of 2006

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