

The EU's Assistance for Trade Facilitation

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Outline of EU Technical Assistance

Committed to deliver €400m in the next 5 years as part of our development assistance.

Contribution to the WTO TF Facility, €600,000 for 2015-17.

Contribution of €10m to the World Bank Trade Facilitation Support Programme (TFSP).



Ongoing Support

EU and MS largest world provider of aid,
beyond our commitments (figures 2013):

AfT: €11,7bn, including:

TRA: €2,9bn, including:

TF support : €146m

30% of EU Trade programmes are trade
facilitating, that is include a TF component



Future Support

Future support will go through **regional programming**

Exact amount for TF per region under discussion

EU will comply with commitments

Needs per country are not known yet



Programming ACP 11th EDF 2014 - 2020

Central Africa €350m (trade €60m)

W. Africa €1,15bn (trade €145m)

S. & E. Africa €1,33bn (trade €500m)

Pacific €166m (trade €50m)

Caribbean €346m (trade €96m)

TF still to be determined





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Programming ASIA

Total regional programming €900m

South and North Asia (trade **€170m**)

ASEAN (trade **€150m**)





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Programming LATIN AMERICA

Total regional programming €925m

Latin America €805m (trade **€220m**)

Central America €120m (trade **€45m**)





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Programming Neighbourhood

South Neighbourhood €412m (trade €82m)

East Neighbourhood – under discussion

Customs reform will be important
component



Example 1 COMESA

The 10th European Development Fund (EDF) allocated €619m between 2007 and 2013 to promote regional integration, including **trade facilitation** in the Eastern and Southern Africa-Indian Ocean region of which approximately **€150m** was allocated to **COMESA**.



Example 1 COMESA

**Regional Integration Support
Programme (RISP) (2010 - 2016) €60m**

**The RISP 3-funded Technical
Cooperation facility (TCF) supports
cooperation on the implementation of
the COMESA Customs Union and
various trade facilitation instruments.**



Example 1 COMESA

Regional Integration Support Mechanism (RISM) (2007-2019) €111.4m

The programme contributes to the effective domestication and implementation of regional integration policies, regulations and programmes at the national level leading to an enabling environment for trade.



Example 1 COMESA

11th European Development Fund (EDF)
2014-2020

Trade facilitation will be the main priority
for cooperation with COMESA under the
11th EDF building notably on the WTO
TFA needs and commitments in the
COMESA region



Example 2 - EAC Trade Related Facility

Being designed right now; to be implemented at national level

Overall objective: increased competitiveness and access to regional and international markets for sustainable development

Result Areas:

- 1) Support implementation of EAC CM & CU Protocols by the EAC Partner States;
- 2) Easier movement, release and clearance of goods through effective implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement;
- 3) Enhanced capacity of the private sector to exploit new trade opportunities, through trade advocacy and trade promotion



Example 3: SADC

Support to SADC Member States on
Customs Modernisation and Trade
Facilitation towards the SADC Customs
Union

€18m

Duration: 2009 - 2014



Example 3: SADC

Objective: to support and achieve closer regional integration and harmonisation of Customs legislation and procedures, including improved transit flows, and to prepare for the smooth transition to the proposed SADC Customs Union.



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7 key result areas for intervention:

1. Establish a Legal and Institutional Framework for a SADC Customs Union;
2. Adopt a Common External Tariff for the region;
3. Establish a Wide Area Network for SADC Customs Administrations;
4. Establish a region-wide customs training network;
5. Establish and implement an effective Regional Transit Management System;
6. Establish a functioning framework of cooperative and collaborative mechanism at regional and national levels;
7. Develop Regional and National Strategies for Customs modernisation



Example 4: ZAMBIA

Regional Integration Capacity Building Project

Grant Amount: €2.66m Part of COMESA
Regional Integration Support Mechanism
programme (€116m)

Starting date: May 2015



Example 4: ZAMBIA

Objective: focus on key economic sectors including important trade facilitation reforms to improve border management in line with the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement.



Example 5: Bosnia and Herzegovina

Customs and Taxation Reform Project

€18m

Period: 2002 - 2005



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Objective: Technical assistance ensuring further improvements in enforcement capacity and streamlining customs procedures; the modernisation of the Custom Services' IT resource, including the 'Automated System for Customs Data' (ASYCUDA)



Example 6: UGANDA

Northern Corridor Road (NCR)
Improvement Project

Amount: €167m (EC contribution €122 m)

Duration: 2009 - 2014



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Objective: to reduce transport costs and travel time on the Northern Corridor Route in Uganda. This will promote economic and social development and facilitate international and transit trade and thereby boost regional integration. The Northern Corridor links Burundi, DRC, Rwanda and Uganda as well as Southern Sudan to the Kenyan sea port of Mombasa.



Example 6: UGANDA

Results:

reduction of direct vehicle operating costs by **17%** from 5.84 EUR/km to 4.82 EUR/km

reduction of travel time by **25%**

lower the road maintenance costs and **extension of lifetime to 20 years**



How to access EC funding?

Contact EC Delegation in your country and regionally since TF funding comes from regional programmes

Contact EC headquarters:

DEVCO: europaaid-C4@ec.europa.eu

TRADE: Trade-TF-Assistance@ec.europa.eu

WB TF Support Programme
(for immediate needs)





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