

## EU Cooperation with Mali - road infrastructure projects

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Roads are key to link land lock Mali to the rest of the West African region, as well as the fertile Southern region of Mali to the desert North where a feeling of neglect is one of the causes of the 2012 Tuareg uprising. The EU has funded 4,500 kilometers of roads in the Republic of Mali, thus becoming Mali's first partner on road infrastructure and transport in general since independence. Kati's toll station and weigh bridge, 18 kilometers North of Mali's capital Bamako, is one of the capital's main entry points for products such as cement, salt, sugar, rice as well as oil products, as it links to the port of Dakar, in neighbouring Senegal. Authorities say there is a high percentage of overweighing by truck companies. In total, 28 station tolls such as this one have been built in recent years, generating yearly revenue of €4 million. When added to fuel levy, revenues allocated to road maintenance reach almost €30 million / year. Fight against overweighing means control and law enforcement but also dialogue between all transport actors, together with accompanying measures in order to raise public awareness and strengthen private sector. The EU has been the main contributor of this road that links Bamako to Dakar, providing a fund of €30 million. The EU is also funding a 483 kilometer tarmac road to link Goma Coura to Timbuktu.



HEURE	DESCRIPTION	DUREE
00:00:00	Wide shot of EU signboard by a road toll station	00:00:03
00:00:03	Truck arriving to toll station	00:00:04
00:00:07	Driver gives ticket	00:00:10
00:00:17	Toll station employee and lorry	00:00:04
00:00:21	Lorry driver hands out document to toll employee. Live of employee to driver (in BAMBARA language) : « get on the weigh bridge »	00:00:27
00:00:48	Live of Ousmane Dambley, deputy director of Road Authority of Mali : « There are products that are often in overweight »	00:00:06
00:00:54	Close shot of finger showing computer screen	00:00:06
00:01:00	Soundbite of Lassana Tovola, toll station employee : « None of the axles are in overweight. This trolley is loaded fine. We register this and give him a document »	00:00:07

00:01:07	Soundbite of Ousmane Dambley, deputy director of Road Authority of Mali (in French): « This is a factor of peace because development is a guarantee against war. Many of our problems now are linked to the lack of development. Those are problems of lack of access of our cities. If you ask the people, they'll tell you that many products do not reach them and everything that can reach them can only arrive through the road. So we need such infrastructures now more than ever to finance road maintenance and to boost development. »	00:00:28
00:01:35	Wide shot of cars and truck passing by the toll station	00:00:08
00:01:43	Shot of truck passing by	00:00:08
00:01:51	Shot of officials talking in front of toll station	00:00:05
00:01:56	Soundbite of Alain Jolivet, EU project manager, EU Delegation in Mali (in French) : « Roads have always been a factor of development. Therefore the EU has funded investment in new roads in Mali and the wider region for many years. But those roads need to be preserved. Therefore those weigh bridges are here to control overweight and to diminish overweight level. »	00:00:37
00:02:33	Road officials inspecting a road	00:00:08
00:02:41	Sidiki Kone, head of section for Road projects, Government of Mali : « South of Mali has a high potential for farming production but the Northern region do not have such chance. Therefore the development of roads allow to link up production areas to consumption areas.	00:00:21
00:03:02	Cut away shot of trucks	00:00:10
00:03:12	Sidiki Kone, head of section for Road projects, Government of Mali :« There are many parts of the road that need to be refurbished and we hope that this roundtable of the friends of Mali will generate resources for the development of Northern Mali. »	00:00:15
00:03:27	Wide shot of truck	00:00:07
00:03:34	Wide shot of truck	00:00:11