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## EU supports West Africa and its two main regional organisations with € 6 million

The European Commission has today adopted a Technical Cooperation Facility of € 6 million for West Africa and its two main regional integration organisations ECOWAS and WAEMU.

This project is the first adopted by the Commission under the 10<sup>th</sup> EDF West Africa Regional Indicative Programme (RIP) and is intended to facilitate the implementation of ECOWAS and WAEMU policies and strategies in support of their various strategies in the field of regional integration, poverty reduction, conflict prevention, etc.

Benefiting the entire West Africa region for the period 2008-2013 for an amount of € 597 million, the 10th Regional Strategy Paper, signed in Strasbourg on 15th of November, is the result of the joint work and agreement between the European Commission, ECOWAS and WAEMU and builds on the activities and support carried-out during the 9th EDF Regional Indicative Programme.

The three main objectives of the 10th Regional Strategy Paper and Regional Indicative Programme are to contribute to poverty reduction by strengthening regional economic growth, to facilitate the insertion of the region into the global economy and to support regional good governance and a stable political environment in West Africa.



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