

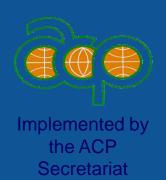
EU Support to Education in the ACP region

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EU Development cooperation

Thematic interventions

Geographic interventions





ACP-EU Cooperation

Who we are

- Unit E3: Regional Programmes Sub-Saharan Africa and ACP wide
- Joint Programming with the ACP Group of States represented by the ACP Secretariat

Funding

European Development Fund (outside EU budget)





Relevant Cotonou Provisions

Art. 25: "...Improving education and training at all levels, working towards recognition of tertiary education qualifications, establishment of quality assurance systems for education..."

Art. 26: "... promoting the skills, energy, innovation and potential of youth..."





Intra-ACP support to Education

- Primary Education: GPE, IFADEM
- Tertiary Education:
 - o Edulink
 - Intra-ACP Mobility (Nyerere)
 - o Erasmus Mundus
 - ACP Science and Technology
 - ACP Research
 - ACP Connect



Higher Education Challenges

- Lack of graduates with high-level skills in areas crucial to development
- Lack of qualified teaching staff, up-to-date curricula and adequate teaching methods
- Lack of qualified managerial and administrative staff
- Lack of global and intra-regional linkages





Response: Edulink

- Capacity building and regional integration in the field of higher education through institutional networking
- Fostering higher education of quality, which is efficient and relevant to the needs of the labour market and consistent with the ACP socio-economic development priorities



Feedback from the previous Calls

3 Calls for Proposals published, 406 valid proposals received and **66 projects** financed (success rate 16%)

- 1st call (2006): 5 million EUR \rightarrow 11 projects
- 2^{nd} call (2007): 9 million EUR \rightarrow 21 projects
- 3rd call (2008): 16 million EUR → 34 projects

TOTAL: 30 million EUR → 66 projects

(average project size Euro 450 000)

340 Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) involved, out of which 260 from ACP countries





Lessons learnt

- The mid-term evaluation of the Programme concluded that the 66 projects are highly relevant in fostering capacity building and regional integration in higher education in ACP States
- The number of **networked institutions** in the ACP with collaborative agreements has significantly increased as a result of the **partnerships** formed



Example: Developing Education, Skills and Capacity in Forensic Awareness and Science

Project Coordinator: **University of Staffordshire**Partners:

- University of Mauritius, Republic of Mauritius
- University of Technology, Jamaica

This project has ended in August 2011, it developed appropriate curricula in forensic science in Mauritius and Jamaica.

- Training materials have been developed, 400 students have been trained as expected while more than expected professionals (53 instead of 8) have been trained by each partner institution
- Linkages with the public sector in each country have been developed and reinforced
- The partnership has reinforced links among the 3 participating institutions which will contribute to the overall sustainability





EDULINK II

- The success of the first three calls of the Edulink programme under the 9th EDF justified the launch of a fourth call under the 10th EDF
 - A total amount of 23.3 million has been allocated
 - Around 50 projects, for a maximum amount of EUR 500 000 and a duration between 12 and 42 months, will be financed
 - Differently than for the previous calls the focus will lie on the areas of energy and agriculture
- This call was launched in March 2012 and we are currently in the final stages of the evaluation process





Recommendations

A number of projects have encountered considerable delays, this could have been avoided:

- Main difficulties concern administrative aspects, namely the need to comply with contractual terms and conditions and to ensure financial transparency
 - → the applicant should make sure that a **Project**Management Unit is set up with a **Project**Coordinator and a **Project Administrator**





Recommendations

- The projects are implemented by big consortia of member institutions with different administrative culture. The management of such consortia is a big task itself
 - → At the beginning of the project a **Memorandum of Understanding** should be signed between the different partners, **complementarity** should be assured and within each partner institution a **Focal point** and an **Administrative Assistant** should be identified



Response: ACP-EU Mobility Programmes

Intra-ACP Mobility Programme (EUR 45 mil.)

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/intra acp mobility/

South-South mobility: consortium of ACP universities managed by one ACP university

Types of mobility: MA, PhD, Academic Staff for ACP citizens

Main focus: Agriculture, Energy, Medicine, Engineering, Social Sciences

Last call in February 2013

• Erasmus Mundus Programme (EUR 30 mil)

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus mundus/

North-South mobility: consortium of EU and ACP universities, managed by EU universities

Types of mobility: MA, Phd, Sandwich PhD, Academic Staff for ACP citizens and marginally for EU citizens

Main focus: all sectors

Last call in December 2012





The future?

Erasmus for All (2014-2020) will regroup the current higher education programmes (Erasmus Mundus, Tempus, Edulink, Alfa, cooperation with industrialised countries) under one roof.

Other programmes are yet to be discussed by the Commission and its partners for 2014-2020





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