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**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 22.1 AND 22.2 OF  
THE AGREEMENT ON TRADE FACILITATION**

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The following communication, dated 20 July 2017, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the European Union.

The European Union hereby makes the following notification in accordance with Article 22.1 and 22.2 of the Agreement on Trade Facilitation.

Donor Member: European Union

Period covered by the notification: Projects operational in 2016<sup>1</sup>

**Table 1: Bilateral/regional assistance**

Description of the technical and financial assistance and capacity building resources	Status and amount committed/disbursed <sup>2</sup>	Beneficiary country/Region (where necessary)	The implementing agency in the Member providing assistance	Procedures for disbursement of the assistance <sup>3</sup>
Strengthening Ecuadorian MSMEs for internationalization towards the European Union	€4,200,000	Ecuador	European Commission DG DEVCO	Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI)
Support to Ecuadorian MSMEs for promotion and exportation towards the European Union	€4,300,000	Ecuador	European Commission DG DEVCO	Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI)
Export growth support project	€10,333,000	Bolivia	European Commission DG DEVCO	Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI)
Support to Paraguay's economic integration	€7,031,000	Paraguay	European Commission DG DEVCO	Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI)
Albanian Customs Administration for the EU-Integrated Tariff Management System (ITMS)	€1,800,000	Albania	European Commission DG NEAR	Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA)
Introduction of an automated intelligent video-control system at road border crossing point Novaya Huta – Novi Yarilovychi at the Belarus-Ukraine frontier	€800,000	Belarus	European Commission DG NEAR	European Neighborhood Instrument (ENI)

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<sup>3</sup> See details of the instruments below.

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Palanca Jointly Operated Border Crossing Point	€4,500,000	Moldova	European Commission DG NEAR	European Neighborhood Instrument (ENI)
Support to the implementation of DCFTA process in Moldova	€25,000,000	Moldova	European Commission DG NEAR	European Neighborhood Instrument (ENI)
Support to the free movement of goods	€2,496,720	Kosovo	European Commission DG NEAR	Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA)
Eastern Partnership – Integrated Border Management – Capacity Building Project	€4,480,000	EU Eastern Partnership countries	FRONTEX	European Neighborhood Instrument (ENI)
Support to the establishment of Single Window for Export, Import and Transit procedures in the Republic of Tajikistan	€1,236,000	Tajikistan	European Commission DG NEAR	Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI)
Support to the development of Red Bridge Border crossing point between Azerbaijan and Georgia	€2,128,000	Azerbaijan and Georgia	European Commission DG NEAR	European Neighborhood Instrument (ENI)
Support to increase the competitiveness of trade and regional economic integration in West Africa	€3,000,000	West Africa	European Commission DG DEVCO	European Development Fund (EDF)
Support to trade facilitation through the Customs Department of the Liberia Revenue Authority (LRA)	€2,100,500	Liberia	European Commission DG DEVCO	European Development Fund (EDF)
Contribution to the Improved Trade Statistics and Information System in Malawi	€797,000	Malawi	European Commission DG DEVCO	European Development Fund (EDF)
The Trade Related Assistance and Quality Enabling Programme (TRAQUE)	€15,000,000	Ghana	European Commission DG DEVCO	European Development Fund (EDF)
Technical Assistance to Trade Related Assistance Programme Phase II	€1,811,700	Papua New Guinea	European Commission DG DEVCO	European Development Fund (EDF)
Strengthening Pacific Integration through Trade	€30,000,000	Pacific Islands	European Commission DG DEVCO	European Development Fund (EDF)
Euro-Mediterranean Trade and Investment Facilitation Mechanism (Euro-Med TIFM)	€1,565,000	Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia	European Commission DG DEVCO	European Neighborhood Instrument (ENI)
Technical Assistance for developing the Computerised System for the ASEAN Customs Transit System (ACTS)	€3,085,000	ASEAN member States	European Commission DG DEVCO	Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI)
Trade-Related Assistance for Afghanistan (EU TRA)	€4,550,000	Afghanistan	European Commission DG DEVCO	European Development Fund (EDF)

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Technical Assistance to CITD - Food Safety and SPS, Technical Regulations and Standardization, and Support to Post Clearance Audit (PCA) in Customs	€4,795,000	India	European Commission DG DEVCO	Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI)
Trade related technical assistance	€4,733,733	Pakistan	European Commission DG DEVCO	Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI)
European Trade and Investment Support Programme (MUTRAP)	€16,000,000	Vietnam	European Commission DG DEVCO	Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI)
Technical Assistance to increase the trade cooperation between Haiti and Dominican Republic	€1,500,000	Haiti, Dominican Republic	European Commission DG DEVCO	European Development Fund (EDF)

**Table 2: Multidonor/multicountry assistance**

<b>Description of the technical and financial assistance and capacity building resources</b>	<b>Status and amount committed/ disbursed<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>Beneficiary country/ Region (where necessary)</b>	<b>The implementing agency in the Member providing assistance</b>	<b>Procedures for disbursement of the assistance</b>
Trade Facilitation Support Programme	€9,600,000	All developing countries	European Commission DG DEVCO	Requests for assistance can be made directly to the World Bank
ACP trade capacity building programme	€39,800,000	ACP countries	European Commission DG DEVCO	Requests for assistance can be made to the Commonwealth Secretariat and Organization mondiale de la francophonie
WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility (TFAF)	€600,000	All developing countries	European Commission DG TRADE	Requests for assistance can be made directly to the TFAF
UNCTAD capacity building programme for NCTFs	€400,000	Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS)	European Commission DG TRADE	

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**Table 3: Commitments for 2017-2018<sup>5</sup>**

<b>Description of the technical and financial assistance and capacity building resources</b>	<b>Status and amount committed/ disbursed<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>Beneficiary country/ Region (where necessary)</b>	<b>The implementing agency in the Member providing assistance</b>	<b>Procedures for disbursement of the assistance</b>
Economic Border Integration Programme	€19,000,000	Nicaragua	European Commission DG DEVCO	
Regional Economic Integration Project	€21,000,000	Panama, Costa Rica, Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala	European Commission DG DEVCO	
Pacific Trade Enabling Project	€30,000,000	Pacific Region	European Commission DG DEVCO	
Regional Trade Facilitation Project for West Africa	€20,000,000	ECOWAS member States	European Commission DG DEVCO	
Consolidation of Regional Integration Support Mechanism 2 (RISM2)	€33,400,000	COMESA and EAC member States	European Commission DG DEVCO	
Regional Integration Support Programme 3 (RISP3)	€20,000,000	All regions	European Commission DG DEVCO	
COMESA Trade Facilitation Programme	€53,000,000	COMESA member States	European Commission DG DEVCO	
Small-Scale Cross Border Trade Programme	€15,000,000	COMESA member States	European Commission DG DEVCO	
Trade Related Facility	€30,000,000	EAC member States	European Commission DG DEVCO	
SADC Free Trade Area (FTA) & Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA)	€15,000,000	SADC member States	European Commission DG DEVCO	
Secure cross-border social, economic and commercial activities in the Great Lakes region	€20,000,000	Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi and Rwanda	European Commission DG DEVCO	
East and Southern African (EA-SA) Transport and Transit Facilitation Programme (T2FP)	€18,000,000	EA-SA region - SADC, COMESA and EAC member States	European Commission DG DEVCO	
Mauritius EPA Support Project for Improving the Business and Investment Climate	€7,000,000	Mauritius	European Commission DG DEVCO	
Zimbabwe EPA Support Project	€7,000,000	Zimbabwe	European Commission DG DEVCO	
Programme in support of Seychelles implementation of the iEPA (SIEPA)	€7,000,000	Seychelles	European Commission DG DEVCO	
Support to regional integration	€7,000,000	Madagascar	European Commission DG DEVCO	

<sup>5</sup> Projects under preparation, due to be committed in 2017.

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Trade related technical assistance	€4,000,000	Bhutan	European Commission DG DEVCO	
Trade related technical assistance	€9,500,000	Cambodia	European Commission DG DEVCO	
Trade support facility	€10,000,000	Indonesia	European Commission DG DEVCO	
European trade and economic programme	€5,000,000	Laos	European Commission DG DEVCO	
Trade related technical assistance	€9,500,000	Philippines	European Commission DG DEVCO	
Trade related technical assistance	€7,800,000	Vietnam	European Commission DG DEVCO	
Support to trade facilitation in the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean region	€4,000,000	Southern and Eastern Mediterranean	European Commission DG DEVCO	
Classifying goods for African trade	€5,000,000	Members of the African Union	European Commission DG DEVCO	
Enhanced Integrated Framework Phase II	€10,000,000	Least developed countries	European Commission DG DEVCO	

**Information on the process and mechanisms for requesting assistance and support for capacity building:**

**European Union:**

Procedures and practical guide (PRAG)

[http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/funding/about-funding-and-procedures/procedures-and-practical-guide-prag\\_en](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/funding/about-funding-and-procedures/procedures-and-practical-guide-prag_en)

Examples of EU Instruments:

- Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA)

[https://ec.europa.eu/neighbourhood-enlargement/sites/near/files/pdf/financial\\_assistance/ipa/2014/231-2014\\_ipa-2-reg.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/neighbourhood-enlargement/sites/near/files/pdf/financial_assistance/ipa/2014/231-2014_ipa-2-reg.pdf)

- European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI)

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32014R0232&qid=1427098454152&from=EN>

- Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI)

[https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/funding/funding-instruments-programming/funding-instruments/development-cooperation-instrument-dci\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/funding/funding-instruments-programming/funding-instruments/development-cooperation-instrument-dci_en)

- Partnership Instrument (PI)

[https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/funding/funding-instruments-programming/funding-instruments/partnership-instrument\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/funding/funding-instruments-programming/funding-instruments/partnership-instrument_en)

- European Development Fund (EDF)

<https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/node/1079>

- EU TAIEX Facility

[https://ec.europa.eu/neighbourhood-enlargement/tenders/taieux\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/neighbourhood-enlargement/tenders/taieux_en)

- Customs 2020 Programme

[http://ec.europa.eu/taxation\\_customs/business/customs-cooperation-programmes/customs-2020-programme\\_en](http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/business/customs-cooperation-programmes/customs-2020-programme_en)

**Multidonor:**

Trade Facilitation Support Programme

<http://www.worldbank.org/en/programs/trade-facilitation-support-program>

WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility

<http://www.tfafacility.org>

Enhanced Integrated Framework

<http://www.enhancedif.org>

**Contact points for providing assistance to trade facilitation:**

General enquiries:

DG TRADE – Unit F1; email: [TRADE-TF-ASSISTANCE@ec.europa.eu](mailto:TRADE-TF-ASSISTANCE@ec.europa.eu)

Specific enquiries:

Enquiries about specific support should be addressed to the EU delegation in the developing country concerned. A list of EU delegations and their contact details are available online:

[https://eeas.europa.eu/headquarters/headquarters-homepage/area/geo\\_en](https://eeas.europa.eu/headquarters/headquarters-homepage/area/geo_en)

## Donor Member: Finland

Period covered by the notification: Projects operational in 2016<sup>7</sup>

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Support to implementing the Trade Facilitation Agreement	€160,000	Global		WTO TFAF
Support to implementing the Trade Facilitation Agreement	€532,000	Global		ITC
Support to implementing the Trade Facilitation Agreement	€500,000	Global		ITC
Support to customs organizations in the ESA region to implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement	€3,000,000	Eastern and Southern Africa		WCO
Support to improve trade facilitation in the region	€9,800,000	Eastern Africa		TradeMark East Africa
Support to LDCs to build trade capacity	€10,000,000	Least developed countries		EIF

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## Donor Member: Germany

Period covered by the notification: Projects operational in 2016<sup>8</sup>

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Professionalising farmers and their organizations in sustainable cocoa production (PRO-PLANTEURS)	€980,000	Côte d'Ivoire		
Trade policy and trade promotion fund	€850,000	Côte d'Ivoire		
Coordination of Trade Facilitation Measures in the EAC Region	€700,000	EAC		
Trade Facilitation along the Dakar-Bamako Corridor	€1,100,000	Senegal		
Transparent Trading Processes in the ECOWAS Region	€1,000,000	ECOWAS		
Open Regional Fund for South East Europe - Foreign Trade Promotion	€4,000,000	South East Europe		
Project preparation in the context of the EU's Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs)	€67,000			
Supporting the ECOWAS Commission through strategic managerial and technical advice	€22,493,902	ECOWAS		
Project Preparation	€185,850			
Trade for Development Fund	€5,000,000	Global		
Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation	€5,982,422	Global		
Trade Facilitation in Central Asia	€7,000,000	Central Asia		
Open Regional Funds for South East Europe - Foreign Trade	€3,010,000	South East Europe		

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## Donor Member: Netherlands

Period covered by the notification: Projects operational in 2016

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TradeMark East Africa	€30,600,000	East Africa Community		TMEA
MDTF Trade and Development II: Improve the export performance in developing countries through better World Bank advise and support in the field of trade policy, leading to a more effective external economic policy in developing countries.	€4,800,000	Global		World Bank
Trade Facilitation Facility To increase trade in developing countries by reducing relative costs of trade.	€10,300,000	Global		World Bank
Centre for the promotion of imports from developing countries (CBI): CBI contributes to sustainable economic development in developing countries through the expansion of exports from these countries. CBI's contribution consists of sustainable strengthening of the competitive capacity of SME exporters and producers in developing countries, focusing primarily on European markets.	€77,900,000 <sup>9</sup>	Global		CBI
Chains of Human Intelligence: Towards Efficiency and Equity in Agro-food Trade along the Trans-Africa Highway (Cheetah): To reduce trade barriers and make food value chains more efficient, contributing to the reduction of food losses and to increase transparency of border procedures and accountability of custom officials.	€ 400,000	Ghana		Cheetah
ENDA-CACID: To sensitize non state stakeholders on ECOWAS trade protocols and create a basis for bottom up governance of trade within the region.	€ 750,000	ECOWAS region		ENDA-CACID

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<sup>9</sup> 2013-2016

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Training Customs West Africa: To increase the capacity and knowledge of West African custom officials and businesses working in the logistics/customs/transport sector.	€ 1,400,000	ECOWAS region		World Customs Organization & EVO Fenedex

## Donor Member: Sweden

Period covered by the notification: Operational in 2016<sup>10</sup>

<b>Description of the technical and financial assistance and capacity building resources</b>	<b>Status and amount committed/disbursed</b>	<b>Beneficiary country/ Region (where necessary)</b>	<b>The implementing agency in the Member providing assistance</b>	<b>Procedures for disbursement of the assistance</b>
Support the regions' (EAC, SADC and ECOWAS) specific goals towards the realization of regional customs unions, and the establishment of effective customs administrations.	€5,600,000	Regional Africa		WCO
Trapca TFF Support to Trade Facilitation Facility. Support the provision of training courses for especially Least Developed Countries' implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA).	€1,960,000	Regional Africa		Trapca
TradeMark East Africa - Increased regional trade and integration by, among other things, capacity building in customs and border management. Development of one-stop-border posts.	€11,500,000	Regional Africa		TradeMark East Africa

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TradeMark East Africa - The support aims to, among other things, increase access to markets, enhance the trade environment and improve the business competitiveness. Activities include trade facilitation capacity building, the development of one-stop-border posts, infrastructure investments in port improvement and the introduction of an electronic Single Window.	€5,440,000	Tanzania		TradeMark East Africa
TradeMark East Africa - Increased regional trade competitiveness through, among other things, the development of one-stop-border posts and customs capacity building	€4,100,000	Uganda		TradeMark East Africa
World Bank MDTF-TD2 - Provide assistance to developing countries with regard to trade competitiveness, trade facilitation, and market access.	€8,400,000	Developing countries		World Bank

Donor Member: United Kingdom

**Table 1: Projects operational in 2016<sup>11</sup>**

<b>Description of the technical and financial assistance and capacity building resources</b>	<b>Status and amount committed/disbursed</b>	<b>Beneficiary country/ Region (where necessary)</b>	<b>The implementing agency in the Member providing assistance</b>	<b>Procedures for disbursement of the assistance</b>
Trademark East Africa - Uganda Window.	€13,873,000	Uganda	DFID	Trademark East Africa
East Africa Transit Improvement Programme – EATIP. Improved transit facilitation in East Africa	€9,355,000	East Africa	DFID	Trademark East Africa
TradeMark East Africa – Tanzania.	€12,501,000	Tanzania	DFID	Trademark East Africa
TradeMark East Africa – Rwanda.	€8,662,000	Rwanda	DFID	Trademark East Africa
Custom Development & Trade Facilitation Support in South Sudan.	€5,460,000	South Sudan	DFID	Trademark East Africa
West Africa Regional Food Markets Pilot Programme.	€3,515,000	West Africa	DFID	
To increase the amount of staple food traded and the number of people trading in national and cross border markets.	€8,443,000	Southern Africa		
Supporting Indian Trade and Investment for Africa.	€10,910,000	East Africa (Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Rwanda)	DFID	International Trade Centre (ITC)
South Asia Regional Trade and Integration Programme.	€15,326,000	Asia Regional	DFID	World Bank, IFC, Asian Development Bank

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Strengthening the tax administration in Mozambique by providing support to Mozambique's Revenue Authority.	€2,025,000	Mozambique	DFID	
Strengthening Regional Economic Integration – Kenya.	€14,531,000	Kenya	DFID	
World Bank Multi Donor Trust Fund on Trade and Development.	€1,406,000	Global	DFID	World Bank
Pakistan Economic Corridors Programme.	€51,028,000	Pakistan	DFID	Asian Development Bank
Dar Es Salaam Port Improvement Programme.	€14,175,000	Tanzania	DFID	International Climate Fund, Trademark East Africa
Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation	€4,687,200	Global	DFID	World Economic Forum
WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility (TFAF)	€585,900	Global	DFID	WTO
Trade Facilitation Support Programme	€1,757,700	Global	DFID	World Bank
Enhanced Integrated Framework	€686,000	Global	DFID	EIF

**Table 2: Commitments for 2017-2022<sup>12</sup>**

<b>Description of the technical and financial assistance and capacity building resources</b>	<b>Status and amount committed/ disbursed<sup>13</sup></b>	<b>Beneficiary country/ Region (where necessary)</b>	<b>The implementing agency in the Member providing assistance</b>	<b>Procedures for disbursement of the assistance</b>
Support for the Implementation of the World Trade Organization (WTO) Trade Facilitation Agreement	€10,546,200	Global	DFID	TBC

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\* Donor Member: France – to be included in an update