



# EuropeAid Co-operation Office

## Institutional Capacity Development Operations for the ACP Countries

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# Programming the EDF – three Operational Levels

81% (€17.8 billion) of EDF resources are programmed at **Country and Regional levels:**

**In 77 countries** – through Country Strategy Papers, which provide strategic direction, and National Indicative Programmes, which serve as action plans for implementation.

**In 6 regions** – through Regional Strategy Papers and Regional Indicative Programmes.

**Intra-ACP level** 14% (€3.2 billion) of EDF resources

**Where operations benefit many or all ACP States across several regions** - through the Intra ACP Strategy Paper and Multi-Annual Programme.

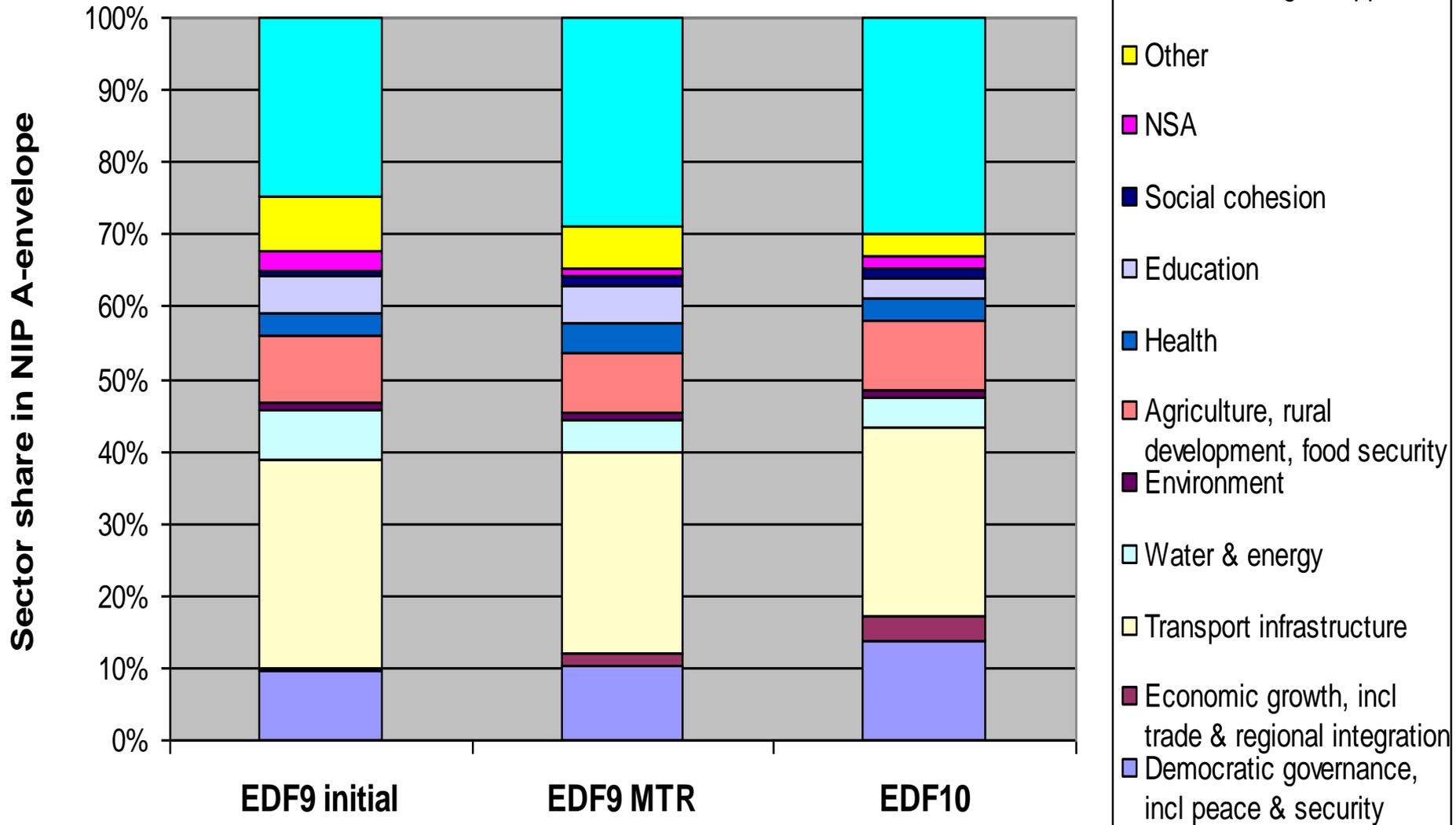
# Programming the EDF - implementation tools

The EDF is implemented through different forms of contracts of which the following are the most commonly used as tools for Institutional Capacity Development:

- a) **Service Contracts** – implemented by Private Companies;
- b) **Programme Estimates** – implemented by government bodies or programme implementation units (PMU)
- c) **Contribution Agreements** – multi-donor programmes implemented by international organisations or development cooperation agencies.

# Programming the EDF – Sectoral Division

## Sector breakdown EDF9 - EDF10





# Intra-ACP Programme and Institutional Capacity Development

The overall Intra-ACP portfolio of the 9th EDF was €2,9 billion, in the 10th EF this has increased to €3.2 billion. Institutional Capacity Development is widely used across all sectors of intra-ACP programming:

- a) Economy and Trade
- b) Social Sectors and Culture
- c) Democratic Governance
- d) Natural Resources and Infrastructure

Specificity of Intra-ACP programme is the need for programme management at **Global, Regional and Country** levels. Where possible intra-ACP or pan-African institutions, like the ACP Secretariat or the AU, fulfil the global level role.

# Institutional Capacity Development - Economy and Trade

## **‘Hub and Spokes’ in Trade.com (€17M)**

The ‘Hub and Spokes’ Project (€17M) is part of the Trade.com programme (€50M) and aims at building the capacity of ACP countries to effectively participate in trade negotiations by:

- Training key stakeholders such as government trade officials of ACP countries in trade policy issues.
- Enhancing the skills of trade officials in the collection and analysis of trade data and raising awareness of WTO Agreement notifications.
- Supporting the development of national and regional networks through assistance to ACP countries for the identification of key players in trade policy matters.



# Institutional Capacity Development

## - Social Sectors

### 'EDULINK I-II' (€35M)

EDULINK funds joint projects of higher education institutions in the ACP Group of States to enhance their capacities through knowledge transfer and increased networking, EU members participate to broaden knowledge transfer thus:

- Improving policy, management, planning and administration in ACP higher education institutions;
- Maximising academic relevance in the regional or sub-regional context and supporting Institutional cooperation and exchange;
- Enhancing research and technology to improve academic and teaching excellence.



# Institutional Capacity Development - Democratic Governance

## 'Migration Facility' (€25M)

The Migration Facility supports national and regional institutions to enhance the positive effects of migration through better policy formulation:

- The facility reinforces the institutional capacity of six ACP regions and of 12 ACP pilot countries
- It creates a network of analysis & monitoring on ACP migration;
- It enables ACP civil society to participate in the dialogue on migration.

The programme uses two approaches, facilitating ACP States to concert actions on migration and development, and giving structural support to regional and national institutions.

# Institutional Capacity Development - Natural Resources & Infrastructure

## **‘Strengthening fishery products’ health conditions’ (€44.86M)**

This programme aims at strengthening the ability of national health control authorities and testing laboratories to verify compliance of catches with international requirements through:

- Joint assessments of the needs in each ACP country where requested;
- Training of national officials and laboratory staff;
- Improved equipments in laboratories and competent national authorities.

# Way Forward

**Institutional capacity development as a key area of cooperation funded by the EDF** needs to continuously improve through enhancement of the following principals:

- Where possible, capacity is developed through support to existing national or regional processes and mechanisms.
- The demand of our partner countries and regions determines the nature of our support.
- Local ownership – planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation – is the key to capacity development.
- Efforts are increased to coordinate with other donors, and pool or otherwise harmonise funding.
- The use of national and regional resources, twinning and knowledge transfer is increased.

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