



EUROPEAN UNION – BELIZE PROJECT SHEET

Project Title	Belize Institutional support to the NAO office (10 th EDF)
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Sector	Economic Development	Budget (Euro)	Total project cost: € 1,8 Mio EU contribution : €1,8 Mio
Location	Government of Belize	Budget (BZ\$ equiv.) Xrate = 2.4	Total project cost: BZ\$ 4,33 Mio EU contribution : BZ\$ 4,33 Mio
Start Date (Est.)	September 2010	End date (Est.)	December 2012

Implemented by	NAO Office Belize – Ministry of Economic Development
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Objective	<p>The overall objective of the programme is to enhance the delivery of the Government's Development Strategy through support to sound development programmes financed from the European Development Fund (EDF).</p> <p>The purpose of this project is to improve the institutional capacity of the NAO and MDAs in the coordination and management of development assistance and trade issues.</p>
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Description
<p>More specifically, objectives will be achieved through the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of technical assistance to support the NAO and relevant MDAs in the implementation of the EC programmes and resources in all phases of project cycle (programming, identification, formulation financing, implementation, and evaluation, with particular emphasis on monitoring). • Training support for projects and programmes. The Institutional Support to the NAO of Belize will finance the organization and/or participation in various trainings. • Conferences, seminars and sensitization activities. This activity will cover the participation of Belize Officials or Non State Actors in international meetings, seminars or training activities normally organized by other bodies than the Commission. • Increase understanding of EC procedures and project cycle management. • Increase understanding on EPA-Trade related issues and needs assessments. • Training in technical matters and negotiation skills. • Studies and provision of technical assistance in Public Finance Management (PFM), governance, and tax reform

Results
<p>The expected results are described as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthened institutional capacity of the NAO Office and MDA's to effectively coordinate external support for Belize's development strategy. • Strengthened capacity of Belizean trade related organisations in response to globalisation and trade liberation. • Improved Public Financial Management in Belize.

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