



## Delegation of the European Union to Zambia and COMESA



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# Introduction

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The Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Zambia and COMESA is responsible for managing official relations between the European Union (EU) and Zambia, and with the Common Market for East and Southern Africa (COMESA).

Led by Ambassador Alessandro Mariani since September 2015, the Delegation employs around 50 people (approximately 60% Zambian colleagues) from a wide variety of backgrounds, disciplines and nationalities of the European Union Member States.



The EU Delegation's mandate covers a wide range of political and economic relations. One of its most important roles is to manage and promote development co-operation, which it does in accordance with the provisions of the Cotonou Agreement, the aid effectiveness agenda, the internationally-agreed Sustainable Development Goals, and the European Commission's policy framework, the ['Agenda for Change'](#).

To fulfil this mandate, it draws on the expertise of thematic and country experts in Brussels-based European institutions (e.g. the European Commission and the European External Action Service).

Together with its Member States and other Cooperating Partners in Zambia, the EU works towards better coordination, harmonisation and alignment of its development work based on Zambia's development priorities and targets.

For the period 2014-2020 (under the 11<sup>th</sup> European Development Fund) the EU made €484m available to support Zambia with the implementation of its priorities and policies in Energy, Agriculture and Governance as established in the revised 6<sup>th</sup> National Development Plan (see page 4 for more information on this).

For the period 2008-2013 (under the 10<sup>th</sup> European Development Fund) the EU committed €490m for the national programme in Zambia, focusing on general budget support, transport infrastructure, health, agriculture, and public financial management.

The EU Delegation also plays an important role through its regional mandate, where it leads the EU policy dialogue and supports regional cooperation activities with the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA).

# Who are we?



The Delegation was opened in 1975 following Zambia’s signing of the first [Lomé Convention](#). Since then, the EU has established a sustained and dynamic partnership with Zambia as one of its long-term development partners.



The Delegation plays an essential role in providing Zambian counterparts with information on the policies and institutions of the EU. In doing so, the Delegation works closely with Member States' Embassies in Zambia and is fully involved in the coordination of development assistance with the Cooperating Partners represented in Zambia and in political dialogue with the Government of Zambia and COMESA.

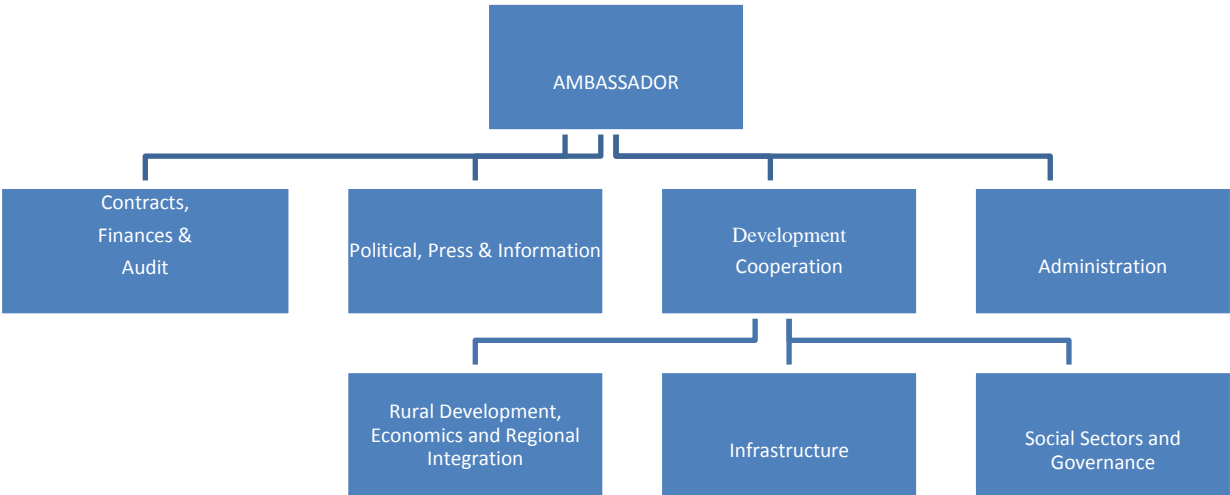
The EU Delegation is one of the largest cooperating partners in Zambia. Not including the contributions of EU Member States, the European Union disbursed around €55m in 2015. In the context of regional cooperation with COMESA, the Delegation disbursed €11m in 2015.

## The staff of the EU Delegation

The structure of the Delegation reflects the EU’s mandate, and its staff is drawn from all parts of Zambia and from many different EU Member States, including Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, and the United Kingdom.

For a more detailed staff list, see page 15.

The Delegation is structured into several thematic teams – see below.



# Supporting Zambia's long-term development



Based on the principles laid down in the European Commission's new [Agenda for Change](#) policy framework, the EU assistance for 2014-2020 will focus on two priority areas:

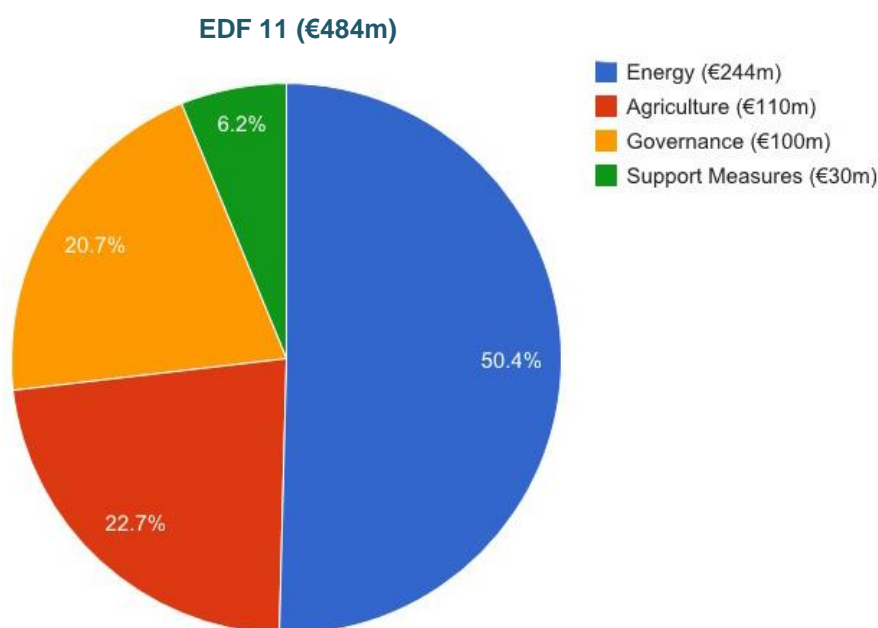
- 1) Human rights, democracy and other key elements of good governance;
- 2) Inclusive and sustainable growth for human development.

## What does this mean for Zambia?

The indicative programme for 2014-2020 was jointly signed by Commissioner Piebalgs and Zambia's Secretary to the Treasury, Fredson Yamba, on 10th October 2014. EU support to Zambia's development priorities focuses on three sectors:

- **Governance:** advancing democratic accountability and state effectiveness for all, centred on increasing equality of access to justice, continuing our [support to the electoral system](#) and better resource management and service delivery.
- **Energy:** helping to maintain growth and improve competitiveness through improved access to clean, reliable and affordable energy for all. One of the first projects financed is the rehabilitation of the [Kariba Dam](#).
- **Agriculture:** continued support to poverty reduction, directly through agriculture, aiming to improve the income and nutrition of smallholder households, while promoting environmental sustainability.

The following chart outlines the sectors supported under the Programme.



For updates on new EU projects under EDF 11, please visit [our website](#)



The EU is an important partner of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), a regional economic organisation based in Lusaka whose core mission is to promote regional economic integration and cooperation in the region.

COMESA was established in 1994 with the goal of being a fully integrated, internationally competitive regional economic community with high standards of living for its entire people, ready to merge into an African Economic Community (Article 3 of the COMESA Treaty). COMESA has 19 Member States<sup>1</sup>, with a total population of around 460 million people and a combined GDP of over US\$650 billion (2015). It has an operational Free Trade Area (FTA) since 2000 and is progressively moving towards a Customs Union and a fully-fledged Common Market covering the free movement of services, investments and people. The current Secretary General is Mr. Sindiso Ngwenya from Zimbabwe. For more information on COMESA: <http://www.comesa.int>

The COMESA-EU partnership has been evolving since the 1990s, shaped by COMESA's needs and priorities. The 10<sup>th</sup> EDF allocated € 645 million between 2007 and 2013 to promote regional economic and political integration in the Eastern and Southern Africa-Indian Ocean (ESA-IO) region, of which approximately € 150 million were directly allocated to COMESA. Under the 11<sup>th</sup> EDF (2014-2020), the EU has allocated a total of € 1.3 billion (including € 600 million to finance infrastructure) to support regional integration, peace & security and natural resources management in the region. € 85 million of this package will specifically support trade facilitation, the development of regional value chains and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) as well as institutional capacity building in the COMESA region.

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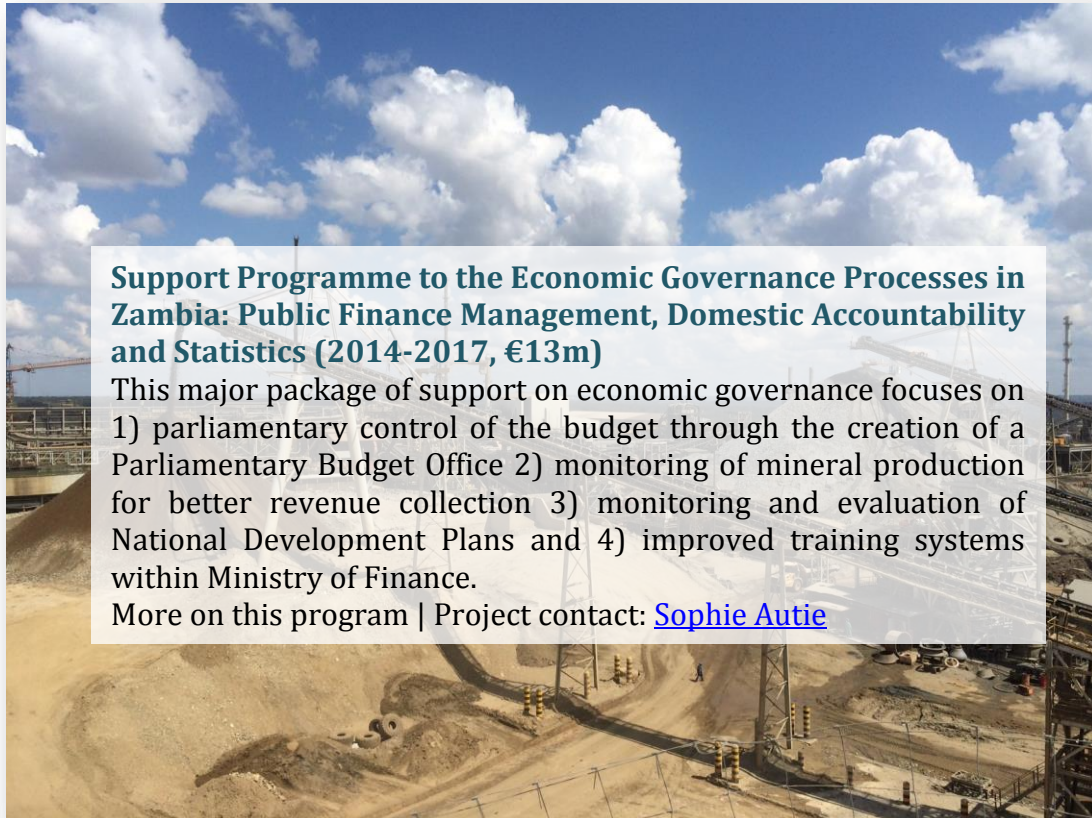
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<sup>1</sup> Current COMESA member states are: Burundi, Comoros, DRC, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Rwanda, Seychelles, Sudan, Swaziland, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.



## Ongoing Projects in Zambia - 1

The next nine pages provide summaries of our main projects currently being implemented with 10<sup>th</sup> EDF and 11<sup>th</sup> EDF funds at national and regional level:

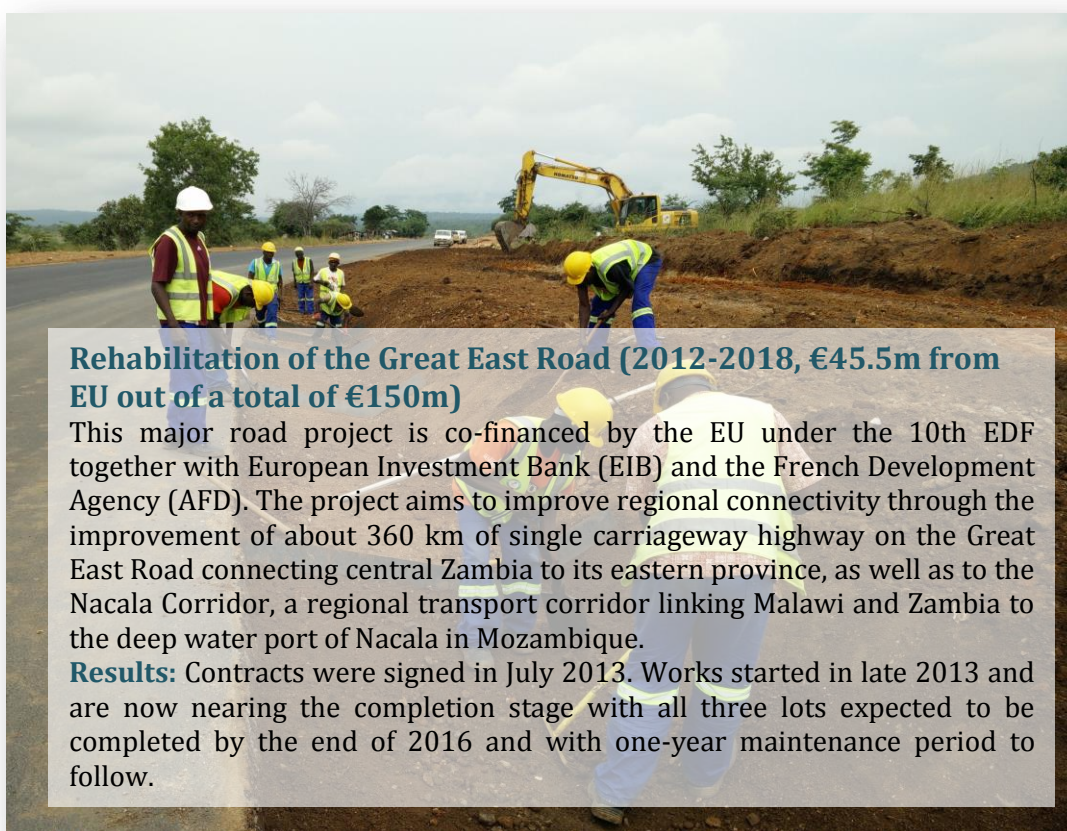


### **Support to the National Authorising Officer (€4.7m, 2012- 2018)**

This programme supports the National Authorising officer (NAO) of the EDF in Zambia. The NAO is the official representative of the Government responsible for overall coordination of EU support in accordance with the Cotonou Agreement. The Secretary to the Treasury has been assigned the responsibility as the NAO. Under the programme, the NAO technical office has been established to provide the NAO with the necessary day-to-day administrative, coordination and technical support.



## Ongoing Projects in Zambia - 2



### **Rehabilitation of the Great East Road (2012-2018, €45.5m from EU out of a total of €150m)**

This major road project is co-financed by the EU under the 10th EDF together with European Investment Bank (EIB) and the French Development Agency (AFD). The project aims to improve regional connectivity through the improvement of about 360 km of single carriageway highway on the Great East Road connecting central Zambia to its eastern province, as well as to the Nacala Corridor, a regional transport corridor linking Malawi and Zambia to the deep water port of Nacala in Mozambique.

**Results:** Contracts were signed in July 2013. Works started in late 2013 and are now nearing the completion stage with all three lots expected to be completed by the end of 2016 and with one-year maintenance period to follow.

### **Health System Strengthening (HSS) Programme (€18million, 2013-2018)**

The European Union's Euro 18 Million Health Systems Strengthening (HSS) programme aims at strengthening critical support functions of the Zambian health system, particularly in support of the Ministry of Health, the Zambia Medicines Regulatory Authority (ZAMRA) and Medical Stores Limited. The HSS Programme has 4 components: (1) Strengthening regulation and control of medicines and allied substances, and building the capacity of ZAMRA (2) Improving the effectiveness and cost-efficiency of the pharmaceutical procurement and supply management system (3) Progress towards rational drug use, and (4) Overall support/technical assistance/policy support to the Ministry of Health. This includes the construction of the ZAMRA laboratory and enhancing the central storage capacity of MSL in Lusaka.

Project contact: [Esther Bouma](#)

### **Support for non-state actors (€5.5m 2014-2017)**

The 10th EDF set aside an allocation of €5.5 million for the capacity building of national civil society organisations. With administrative, technical and capacity development support from the Zambian Governance Foundation (ZGF), this project provides grants to 8 CSOs working in the areas of 'Access to Justice' (AToJ) and 'Media'. Selected Grant Partners are Avocats sans Frontières, Norwegian Church Aid, Plan Norge, Women for Change, WiLDAF and VSO for the Justice component, and Free Press Unlimited and Barefeet Theatre for the Media component. The expected result is an increased role of media and AToJ CSOs in empowering citizens, which should lead to an improved implementation of policies in these sectors.

[More on EU's work with civil society](#) | Project contact: [Lorraine Mupeta](#)



## Ongoing Projects in Zambia - 3

### **Millennium Development Goal Initiative (MDGi) Accelerating Progress towards Maternal, Neonatal and Child Morbidity and Mortality Reduction in Zambia (€50m, 2013-2018)**

The Millennium Development Goal Initiative (MDGi) aims at accelerating the reduction of maternal, neonatal and child mortality in Zambia. The programme is funded by the European Union with an amount of Euro 50 Million Euro and implemented by the Zambian Ministry of Health with the technical support of UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO, Planned Parenthood Association, and Marie Stopes. This programme aims at improving the availability and quality of health and nutrition services in 11 districts in Lusaka and Copperbelt provinces, covering over 30% of the Zambian population. The expected result is an increased availability of a continuum of maternal, neonatal and child health & nutrition services of good quality.

[More on this project](#) Contact: [Esther Bouma](#)



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### **Protecting Migrant Children from trafficking and Exploitation (€2m, 2012 -2016)**

This project is jointly implemented by UNICEF, IOM and UNHCR in coordination with the relevant Government Departments and civil society partners, and aims to mitigate the vulnerability and increase the protection of children at high risk of trafficking and exploitation due to migration.

The activities contributed to institutional development and capacity building of service providers and the judiciary to identify, prevent, protect and respond to cases of unaccompanied minors, child victims of trafficking and asylum-seekers which result from migration.

The project has provided protective assistance to 200 children as well as counselling, medical assistance and shelter. It was completed at the end of June 2016.

[Read Case Study of the project](#)





## Ongoing projects in Zambia - 4



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### **Conservation Agriculture Scaling Up - CASU project (2013-2017, €11m)**

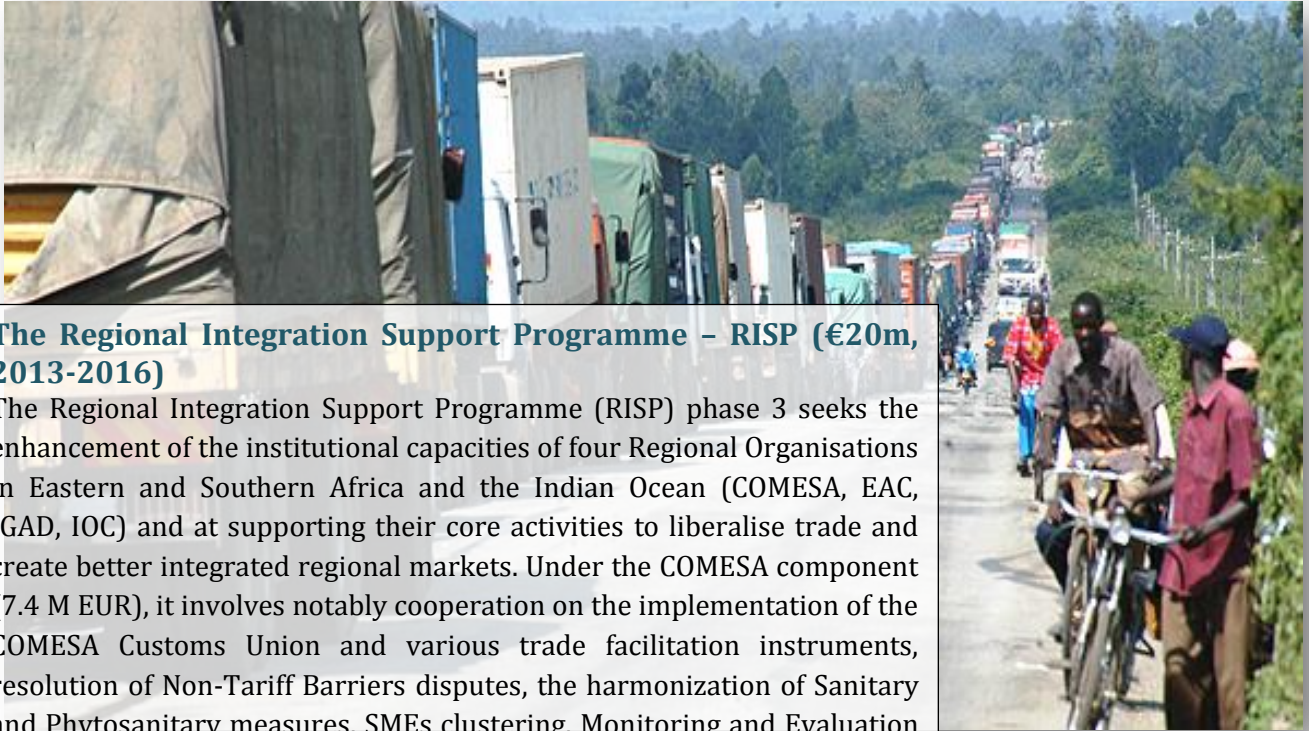
Conservation agriculture (CA) is an approach to managing agro-ecosystems for sustainable productivity and food security. The CASU project aims to scale up conservation agriculture in 48 districts of Zambia. CASU is funded through the 10th European Development Fund (EDF) at a total cost of EUR 11 million. It is jointly implemented by the FAO and the Ministry of Agriculture (MAL). Its goal is to contribute to reduced hunger, improved food security, nutrition and income while promoting sustainable use of natural resources in Zambia by 2017. It will improve skills in conservation agriculture for extension workers and farmers; improve farmer input and output supply chains and promote best international practice in environmental and gender issues. During its four year duration, the project will benefit 21.000 lead farmers and 315.000 follow farmers, of which at least 40% will be women. The expected results are an increased income for small-scale farmers through an expanded and consolidated CA, improved CA farmer input & output supply chains, as well as an improved land management.

[More on this project](#) | Project contact: [Friedrich Mahler](#)

[Read Case Study of the project](#)



## Ongoing Regional Projects - 5



### **The Regional Integration Support Programme - RISP (€20m, 2013-2016)**

The Regional Integration Support Programme (RISP) phase 3 seeks the enhancement of the institutional capacities of four Regional Organisations in Eastern and Southern Africa and the Indian Ocean (COMESA, EAC, IGAD, IOC) and at supporting their core activities to liberalise trade and create better integrated regional markets. Under the COMESA component (7.4 M EUR), it involves notably cooperation on the implementation of the COMESA Customs Union and various trade facilitation instruments, resolution of Non-Tariff Barriers disputes, the harmonization of Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures, SMEs clustering, Monitoring and Evaluation as well as statistical data. This programme contributes to an improved domestication and implementation of regional commitments and a more integrated regional outlook. Ultimately, it will result in an efficient organisation that is better able to support member States to implement their regional commitments.

Project contact: [Nicolas Gerard](#)

### **The Inter-Regional Coordinating Committee - IRCC (€21.5 M 2010-2016)**

The IRCC provides a forum for dialogue and a mechanism to support four regional economic organisations in the region (i.e. COMESA, EAC, IGAD and IOC) for a timely, effective, efficient and coordinated programming and implementation of their European Development Fund (EDF) financed programmes. The cooperation and coordination amongst the organisations helps to avoid duplication of efforts and contributes to regional integration and the Aid Effectiveness agenda in the region.

Project contact: [Joseph Silavwe](#)



## Ongoing Regional Projects - 6



### **The Regional Maritime Security (MASE) programme (€37.5m, 2012-2018)**

The MASE programme is implemented by four African regional organisations (COMESA, EAC, IGAD, IOC), under the overall coordination of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development. Its overall purpose is to enhance maritime security and to fight against maritime piracy in the Eastern and Southern African - Indian Ocean region. The COMESA component of the programme (€ 5,500,000), implemented in partnership with Interpol, is focused on the economic impacts of piracy and aims specifically at fighting against money laundering and the financing of illicit trafficking.

Project contact: [Nicolas Gerard](#)

### **The Regional Integration Support Mechanism - RISM (€111.4m, 2007-2019)**



The RISM programme contributes to the effective domestication and implementation of EAC/COMESA regional integration policies, regulations and programmes at the national level. Improved implementation leads to an enabling environment for trade, investments and increased productivity. Resources are channelled to the COMESA Member States through the COMESA Adjustment Fund (CAF). By partially financing adjustment costs resulting from regional integration, the RISM mechanism offers an additional incentive for countries to reform and honour their commitments. At

the national level, the programme is implemented either as budget support or through concrete national projects. The expected result is an increased transposition and a better implementation of regional integration policies.

Project contact: [Betty-Diana Vargyas](#)

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## Projects started in 2015-2016

Below are summaries of new projects started in 2015 and 2016:

### **Programme for Legal Empowerment and Enhanced Justice Delivery - PLEED (€7m, 2015-2019)**

This project is implemented via GiZ with a co-funding by the German Government of €1.5m. It consists of two components that contribute to (i) strengthen legal empowerment of all people and access to legal assistance in civil and criminal justice cases, and (ii) strengthen policy and institutional frameworks and coordination amongst stakeholders for efficient, effective, fair, transparent and inclusive justice delivery. The first component will support civil society organisations in 3 provinces, namely Lusaka, Southern, and Copperbelt while the 2<sup>nd</sup> component will support the Executive, the Legislature and the Judiciary towards sector policy and institutional reforms to further human rights promotion in the justice system. Key expected results are an improved justice service delivery through a better access to legal assistance and a strengthened policy and coordination among public institutions.

Project contact: [Patricia Pennetier](#)

### **Support to the Electoral Cycle 2015-2017 (€5,25m, 2016-17)**

The programme is designed to support the Electoral Commission of Zambia (ECZ), civil society organisations, media, political parties and citizens in their respective roles in the electoral process. UNDP is the implementing agency for this project in close collaboration with ECZ.

The support to the civil society on voter education, domestic election observation and women empowerment will be funded through the British Council. Both components started in early 2016.

Project contact: [Fabienne Van Den Eede](#)



### **Kariba Dam Rehabilitation Project (€64m, 2015-2020)**

The European Union will finance the works required to reshape the plunge pool and to stabilise the foundations of the dam ("Plunge Pool Reshaping Works"). As a result, the long-term operation of the dam can be ensured with an impact on the safety of the population living downstream of the dam, and the production of electricity will be maintained. Together with the Government of Zambia, the European Union is committed to increase access to clean and affordable energy to all Zambians. By supporting the electricity generation potential of the country, the Kariba Dam rehabilitation project is a key milestone towards this objective. Photo © ZRA

This project is co-financed with the African Development Bank, the Swedish International Development Agency, the World Bank and the Zambezi River Authority, who are supporting the rehabilitation of the spill gates.

Project contact: [Stephen McCluskey](#)

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## Projects started in 2015-2016

### **Agricultural Service Centres (ASC) Project (2015-2019, €12,7m)**

The ASC project supports the Government of Zambia's policy objective of achieving an inclusive, agriculture-led economic growth by helping smallholder farmers to transition from low productivity, subsistence –based agriculture to more profitable, market-oriented production systems.

Under this 4-year contract the Zambia National Farmers' Union (ZNFU) will develop four private sector run agriculture service centres in Chibombo, Mpongwe, Lundazi and Mbala and upgrade two existing centres in Choma and Mumbwa, already established by an earlier EU funded project. These "one-stop shops" will enable 90,000 small scale farmers to access reliable supply of fairly priced inputs, to obtain competitive prices for their production, to access to marketing infrastructures and to access technical advice. The expected result of this project is an increased production and productivity for the farmers, and as a ripple effect, an increased income and livelihoods. | Project contact: [Friedrich Mahler](#)

### **Performance Enhancement Programme for the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock for Better Service Delivery to Farmers**

The project aims at strengthening the capacity of the Ministry of Agriculture and of the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock to provide quality public services to small-scale farmers in extension services, research and nutrition. The strategic core functions of the Ministries will be strengthened. The use of evidence in policy making, planning and budgeting, will be supported and the capacity of the Ministries' staff will be enhanced to ensure that extension services are delivered in a manner that contributes to increased productivity and improved food and nutrition security in small scale farming households. The vital role of agriculture in addressing nutrition outcomes will be improved through better strategic planning and increased mainstreaming of nutrition in agricultural services at front line level.

Project contact: [Marion Michaud](#)





## Supporting Zambian Civil Society

In addition to funding large projects with EDF funds, the EU Delegation also manages a variety of smaller projects across a number of sectors and locations in Zambia. These tend to be funded either through the EU's global [Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights](#), or through the EU [Development Co-operation Instrument](#), and are implemented by a range of local council authorities and NGOs.

As of April 2016, there are 16 ongoing projects in the following sectors: education, prisoners' rights protection, and one in agriculture. In February 2016 the EU Delegation launched a call for proposals titled: "Scaling up nutrition interventions at district level and community level in Zambia", which is expected to be concluded during the last trimester of 2016.

[More on our work with civil society](#)



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### Education

The EUD is supporting five Civil Society Organisations in different parts of the country with a total of EUR 3m for the purpose of enhancing quality universal primary education for disadvantaged girls and boys. The five organisations are Oxfam GB, ACRA-CCS, DAPP, VVOB and Leonard Cheshire Disability. The primary intent of the EUD support to Community Schools is to build a critical mass of CSO activists who can advocate and lobby for increased investments in community schools by Government. The actions also focus on promoting healthy and hygienic learning environments that can keep girls in schools – thus helping to keep them in school and help prevent child marriages.



### Prisoners' rights protection

The EU supports four projects related to the protection of prisoners in Zambia, selected through EIDHR calls for proposals in 2013 and 2015 (total amount: €1,5m) and are implemented by PRISCCA, CeLIM (with Caritas), and DPPA (with PANOS). In parallel, the EU is also funding a project through the Non-State-Actors budget line aiming at developing and capacitating a prison health system. This on-going project is implemented by the Centre for Infectious Diseases Research (CIDRZ) with an EU contribution of €660,000.



### Agriculture

Wealth creation through Irrigation in the North-Western Province implemented by IDE (2012- 2016, €695,400). This project aims to improve the livelihoods of farmers in Solwezi without resorting to handouts. It aims to raise the incomes of 3,500 households by an average of \$350 per annum by introducing them to the income-generating opportunities afforded by higher value crops and to take advantage of local economic opportunities.

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