

Technical Assistance to The Ministry of Trade and Industry in The Implementation of the Steppingstone Economic Partnership Agreement (iEPA) and the Related Accompanying Measures

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Improving Ghana's exports competitiveness and diversification through the EU-Ghana EPA partnership



Key Information

SECTOR: GROWTH

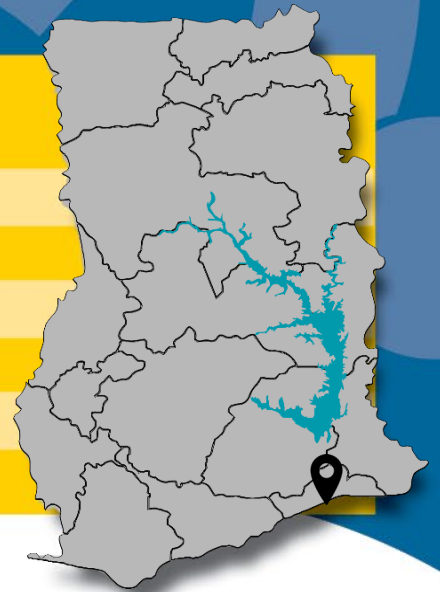
LEAD PARTNER: Ministry of Finance – National Authorising Office for EDF

OTHER PARTNERS: Key Beneficiary: Ministry of Trade and Industry

DURATION: 3 years

TOTAL BUDGET EUR: Eur 2,97 million

EU CONTRIBUTION EUR: Eur 2,97 million



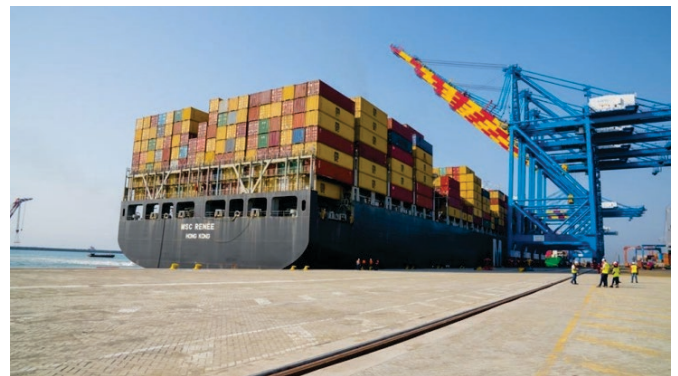
Background



In August 2016, Ghana ratified a Stepping Stone Economic Partnership Agreement, also called interim Economic Partnership Agreement (iEPA) with the European Union. The partnership agreement seeks to reinforce and secure more competitive trading relationship between the two counterparts. The iEPA provides Ghana with duty-free quota-free access to the EU market, the world's largest market for imports.

Implementation of the EPA is expected to be a long-term process based on commitments from Ghanaian and European partners.

Ghana's iEPA is the first bilateral free-trade agreement ever implemented by Ghana.



Project Details



The purpose of the Compete Ghana Project is to provide technical assistance to the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MoTI) in:

1. Building MoTI's capacity to comply with the commitments of the EPA and make full use of its provisions through effective implementation of the EPA-Accompanying Measures Strategy;
2. Supporting MoTI for the setting-up joint EPA Committee and Ghana's inter-institutional committees on EPA;
3. Supporting MoTI for the monitoring and evaluation of the impact of the EPA implementation with the involvement of the private sector;
4. Building the capacity of MoTI to conduct sensitisation and awareness activities, including public/private dialogue and dialogue with civil society.

More specifically, Compete Ghana Project strengthen Ghana's administration capacities in the setup of an EPA Secretariat in the implementation of the Accompanying Measures Strategy with the support of three (3) Key Experts and a Team of Non-Key Experts.



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Expected Results



The programme has 3 key result areas:

Key Result (KR) 1: Ghana's capacity to implement the EPA and to engage in EPA-related is reinforced;

Key Result (KR) 2: Competitiveness at firms' level is improved, especially through the Clusters' approach;

Key Result (KR) 3: Regional policies in favour of industrial competitiveness are mainstreamed in the country and help enable a business friendly environment.



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