

# African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA): ongoing EU support

## Pan-African Programme

### Support to Negotiation Process & Architecture

Total EUR 21.1 Million



### Support to Implementation

Total EUR 16 Million



#### Facilitating the AfCFTA negotiations

EUR 12 Million

- Directly to the AUC Department of Trade and Industry
- Establishment of the AfCFTA Negotiation Support Unit/interim Secretariat within the Department of Trade and Industry;
- Negotiation fora and consultations;
- Technical studies upon demand of AU Member States;

#### IMPLEMENTING PARTNER:

African Union Commission (AUC)

EU support coordinated with EU Member States and AUC's international partners

#### Advocacy, signature and ratification

EUR 4 Million

- Advocacy programme towards ratification of the AfCFTA agreement by AU Member States

#### IMPLEMENTING PARTNER:

United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)

#### Creating the AU Trade Observatory

EUR 5,1 Million

- Support to the establishment of the African Union Trade Observatory, key institution of the AfCFTA architecture

#### IMPLEMENTING PARTNER:

International Trade Centre (ITC) in cooperation with AUC

#### Harmonising goods classification

EUR 5 Million

- Reinforce capacities of national customs organisations and RECs
- Harmonise the classification of goods based on World Customs Organisation standards in preparation to the implementation of the AfCFTA

#### IMPLEMENTING PARTNER:

World Customs Organisation (WCO)

#### Improving systems for Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)

EUR 7 Million

- Support to AU Member States, Pan-African IPR organisations and AUC
- Support to the implementation of the African Continental Strategy on Geographical Indications (GIs).

#### IMPLEMENTING PARTNER:

EU Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) in cooperation with the African IPR agencies OAPI, ARIPO and AUC.

#### Development of AfCFTA national implementation strategies

EUR 4 Million

- Support to the preparation of AfCFTA national implementation strategies in pilot countries

#### IMPLEMENTING PARTNER:

United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)

