**EU-Africa Infrastructure Support Mechanism**

**Objective**

Infrastructure is responsible for more than half of Africa's recent improved growth performance and has the potential to contribute even more in the future. Against this backdrop, the 4th Africa-EU Summit of April 2014 decided on further cooperation and actions in infrastructure.

The objective of this programme is to contribute to the efficient and effective implementation of the Joint-Africa-EU Strategy (JAES) 2014-2017 infrastructure agenda in the fields of water, energy, climate change, transport and Information & communication technology (ICT) by ensuring both horizontal and sectoral infrastructure coordination under one single entry point. This programme therefore aims at facilitating the leverage of resources for investment in infrastructures.

**Activities**

The main activities of the programme are the following:

- Strategic and logistical support of core processes, including the development and maintenance of a road map for the implementation of the infrastructure pillar and delivering of Africa-EU meetings in the framework of the JAES;
- Technical advisory and backstopping, through support to the development of sectorial/horizontal concepts and proposals, and technical assistance for background studies and policy analysis;
- Communication and outreach;
- Complementary policy dialogue and stakeholder engagement, notably through the development and implementation of a concept for stakeholder involvement,
- Capacity development for African counterparts through secondment of staff to the respective structures, and provision of specific advisory.

**Implementation**

The programme is implemented by the European Commission, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA).

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