



Facts about the Team Europe - Technical Assistance Facility to support the AfCFTA (EU-TAF)

WHAT IS THE EU-TAF



BUDGET
€24.5M

The EU-TAF is a Team Europe initiative to support the AfCFTA and regional economic integration in Africa. The program covers the period of 2022 to 2024 and is currently funded by the EU, Germany, France, and Sweden (other EU Member States are about to join the initiative), and jointly implemented by GIZ, Expertise France, and FIIAPP.



TIMELINE
2022-2024

The EU-TAF is set up to deliver adequate technical assistance on a reactive, flexible, and on-demand basis to meet the needs of the AfCFTA Secretariat, African Union Commission and AU specialized agencies, Regional Economic Communities (RECs), AU Member States, and continental and regional private sector organizations.

Mechanism for the Ad-hoc Support Fund

The EU-TAF Ad-hoc Support Fund

The Ad-hoc Support Fund is one approach to provide technical assistance under the EU-TAF. Eligible beneficiaries can request targeted and demand-driven technical assistance to support AfCFTA implementation through a structured mechanism.

Eligible Beneficiaries

The Ad-hoc Support Fund targets the following beneficiaries:

Regional Economic Communities

Enhancing the capacity of RECs and AU specialized agencies to implement priorities related to the AfCFTA.

AU Member States

Building the capacities of AU Member States to implement AfCFTA commitments.

Private Sector

Building trade capacity for the private sector and enhancing market access under the AfCFTA.

Type of Eligible Requests

The objective of the Fund is to respond to the beneficiaries' evolving needs to strengthen their capacities to engage in the AfCFTA implementation process.

The budget allocated for technical assistance provided under each request is between €50,000 (min) and €200,000 (max).

Each request can consist of several linked activities, such as:

- i. Technical expertise
- ii. Training and capacity building
- iii. Secondments to Member Countries and RECs
- iv. Missions and study visits
- v. Studies and publications
- vi. Diagnostic tools
- vii. Communication, sensitization, visibility & dissemination
- viii. Seminars & workshops
- ix. TAF Semi-twinning among EU-Africa organizations, or intra-African organizations
- x. Any other requests that support the implementation of the AfCFTA

Evaluation and Award Process

All requests for support will be subjected to an evaluation process after submission. Applicants will be notified on the outcome of their requests after closing of the submission window.

The approved requests will be allocated to one or several implementing partners (GIZ, EF, or FIIAPP), which will be responsible for managing implementation of activities in close collaboration with the beneficiary.

Submission Procedure

A request template and a comprehensive guideline for the application will be made available on request via mail.

Completed request forms and inquiries shall be sent to:

eu.taf@au-afcfta.org.

