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Main priorities RIP

1. Peace, security and regional stability

2. Regional economic integration

- Institutional support to DMROs
- Deliver at national level Trade-Related Assistance and support to private sector
- **Connecting regional infrastructure networks**
- **Improving the strategic and regulatory framework of regional infrastructure networks**

3. Regional natural resource management

*Choice of sectors per sub-region based on **DMRO strategy and core mandate***

Overall EA-SA-IO RIP structure

The overall envelope (€1332m) is divided in **separate indicative envelopes** with respective financial **allocations**:

- **One envelope per ‘sub-region’** including support to each of the five DMRO secretariats/institutions (COMESA, EAC, IGAD, IOC, and SADC), NAOs and/or other regional or international actors;
- **One envelope for financing infrastructure (€600m);**
- **One envelope for 7 cross-regional priorities:** actions under discussion in support to: Great Lakes, Migration, Maritime security, ESA iEPA implementation, Wildlife conservation, Sustainable fisheries, Transboundary water management.
- **Technical Cooperation Facility**, including support to inter-DMRO coordination mechanism.
- **Reserve**

High Level Committee

- **6 Parties** of the HLC are COMESA, EAC, IGAD, IOC, SADC and EU
- **Rules of Procedure** were adopted on 14 March 2014
- The (draft) **Mandate** of the High Level Committee:
 - ✓ **Clearing house** that discusses and formulates recommendations;
 - ✓ Discusses strategic orientations and provides no-objection on the use of the **cross-regional envelope**;
 - ✓ **Contributes to establishing the strategic infrastructure project pipeline**;
 - ✓ Ensures **consistency** and promotes **synergies** between actions;
 - ✓ **Monitor the implementation** of the overall RIP envelope;
 - ✓ Oversees **reviews and evaluations** of the RIP

Sub-regional envelopes

- Programmed actions related to the **core mandate** of each DMRO, including Trade-Related Assistance

Cross-regional envelope

- Includes **intervention areas** considered as a priority for EA-SA-IO, but not limited to DMROs geographic configuration and/or mandate.
- 7 **concept notes** were presented to the first High Level Committee meeting.
- The actions are **programmed, identified and formulated** with concerned regional organisations or implementing partners
- Implementing partners (RAO) **report** to the High Level Committee on implementation.

Infrastructure financing envelope

- As to increase the leverage of EU grants, infrastructure projects will be financed mainly through **blending** operations.
- The EU is in the process of elaborating an **EDF blending framework**, which will be the preferred option to finance infrastructures.
- **Other options** include:
 - Contribution to other funds;
 - Parallel co-financing at national level for projects with a regional relevance;
 - Stand-alone grants for projects in fragile countries.
- **Soft infrastructure** (incl. border posts, weighing bridges, etc. and support for regulatory frameworks) can also be financed outside blending operations.
- The DMROs will contribute to establishing the **strategic** framework for the selection of **projects** and will give their **no-objection** through the **High Level Committee**.

Next steps

- Finalise Mandate of the High Level Committee
- DMROs and regional EU Delegations continue programming of sub-regional envelopes (**by 30 June 2014**)
- EU in consultation with DMROs continue programming the cross-regional envelope and the infrastructure financing envelope (**by 30 June 2014**)
- Consolidation of the draft RIP (**July 2014**)
- Second High Level Committee meeting (**end September 2014, Gaborone/Lusaka?**)
- Commission Decision on RIP (**end of 2014 / beginning of 2015**)
- First Annual Action Programme (**mid-2015**)