

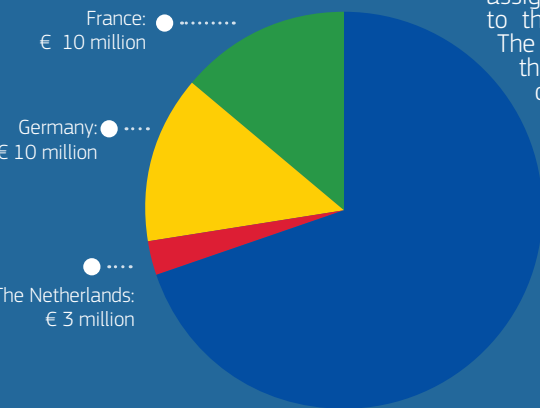



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Contributions:

The **Bêkou Trust Fund** was designed to expand the European aid system's toolbox by bringing different sources of European Union funding together with contributions from European Union Member States, organisations and third countries.

Contributions to the Bêkou Trust Fund amount to **74 million euros**:



Contributions are used to finance the actions adopted by the Strategic Board, implemented by development agencies and NGOs already working in CAR or in fragile contexts.

Contributing partners actively participate in the governance of the Trust Fund, both in the decision of the implementation modalities and in the selection of projects. Finally, only 5 % of the total amount is assigned to administration costs linked to the management of the Trust Fund. The Bêkou Trust Fund aims to allow all the actors, wishing to participate, to contribute to the reconstruction and development of the country.



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EU contributions

European Development Fund (EDF):
 € 39 million
 Food Security Thematic Programme:
 € 10 million
 ECHO: € 2 million



Bêkou

To innovate and act together for the Central African Republic

An innovative tool

In the aftermath of the 2013 crisis in the Central African Republic, the set-up of a structured and adapted international aid has become necessary to provide immediate assistance to its people while the country prepares for reconstruction.

It is with this aim that, on 15 July 2014, the European Union and three of its Member States - France, Germany and the Netherlands - established the first multi-donor European Union Trust Fund for the country.

The Trust Fund, called Bêkou, which means "hope" in Sango, is not only the first European trust fund, but also represents an innovative tool for crisis response. Its flexible and simplified procedures aim to ensure the rapid implementation of its actions.

The LRRD approach

In order to adapt to the characteristics of the Central African Republic, including the coexistence of emergency and transitional situations, the Bêkou Trust Fund combines the skills of humanitarian and development actors to build programmes that link the two spheres, according to the LRRD approach (Linking Relief, Rehabilitation and Development). The aim is thus to provide immediate assistance to populations, while strengthening the capacity of local authorities, to create conditions for a long-term development.



Collegial governance

The Bêkou Trust Fund benefits from an innovative way of making decision. Its global strategy is set by its Strategic Board, which is chaired by the European Union and composed of representatives of Member States and other donors who contributed to the Trust Fund. Its Operational Committee then selects appropriate projects. This is made up of representatives of the European Union and all the other donors (for a minimum amount of 3 million euros). The Central African Republic is represented in both bodies. Finally, a team within the European Commission, led by the Trust Fund Manager, coordinates and executes the tasks of the Bêkou Trust Fund.



Gender: economic and social inclusion of women

This project aims to strengthen women's abilities and skills, particularly economic ones and to develop a financial services network to contribute to their socio-economic inclusion. To reach this objective, the establishment of community spaces ("Maisons des femmes") is also considered.

Project launch: February 2015



Health

This project aims to enable the provision of healthcare services in areas of the country in transition, while supporting the implementation of a new health policy for the medium and long term.

Project launch: February 2015



Urban rehabilitation

This project aims to improve living conditions in the poor neighbourhoods of Bangui, through the reconstruction of basic public infrastructures. It aims also at improving professional qualifications of the beneficiaries through high labour intensive works (HIMO).

Project launch: March 2015



CAR refugees in Cameroon

Designed for CAR refugees in Cameroon, this project aims to organize income-generating activities in wood sector and to promote access to water and sanitation for refugees and host populations.

Project launch: April 2015



Food production / resilience

This project aims to sustainably improve food and nutrition security in the Central African Republic through three components: the resilience of rural communities in the northwest of the country, the support of pastoral activities on the western and northern borders and the establishment of market gardening and poultry sector in Bangui.

Project launch: May 2015



Economic recovery

This program's main objective is to contribute to the stability and the reconstruction of the CAR through an innovative support to economic recovery in Bangui and in one or two provincial cities.

This action aims to empower economic actors operating in the informal economy and / or those who have been particularly affected by the crisis but are nevertheless likely to create added value, employment, growth and to contribute to the reconstitution of the socio-economic fabric.

Project launch: July 2015

