



EU perspective on Aid for Trade in Africa

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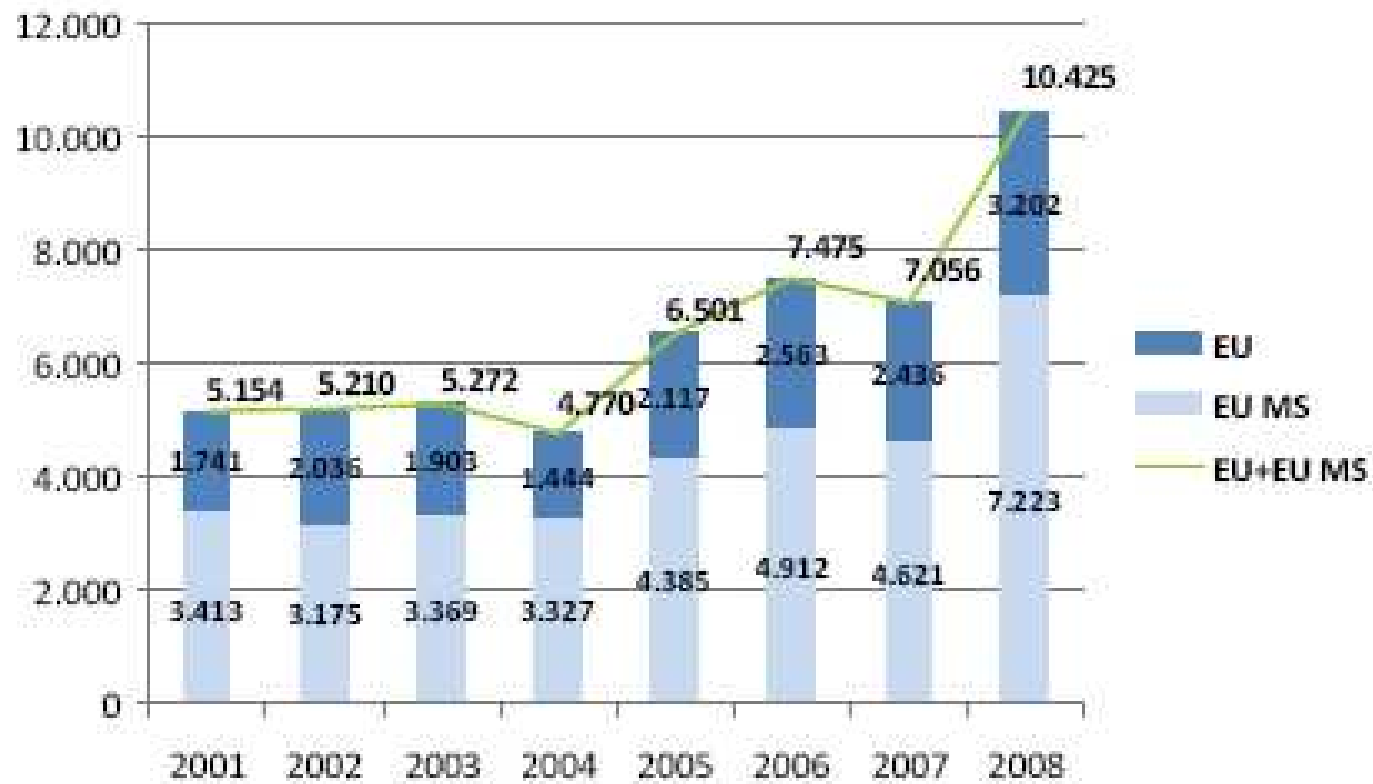
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The EU AfT Strategy

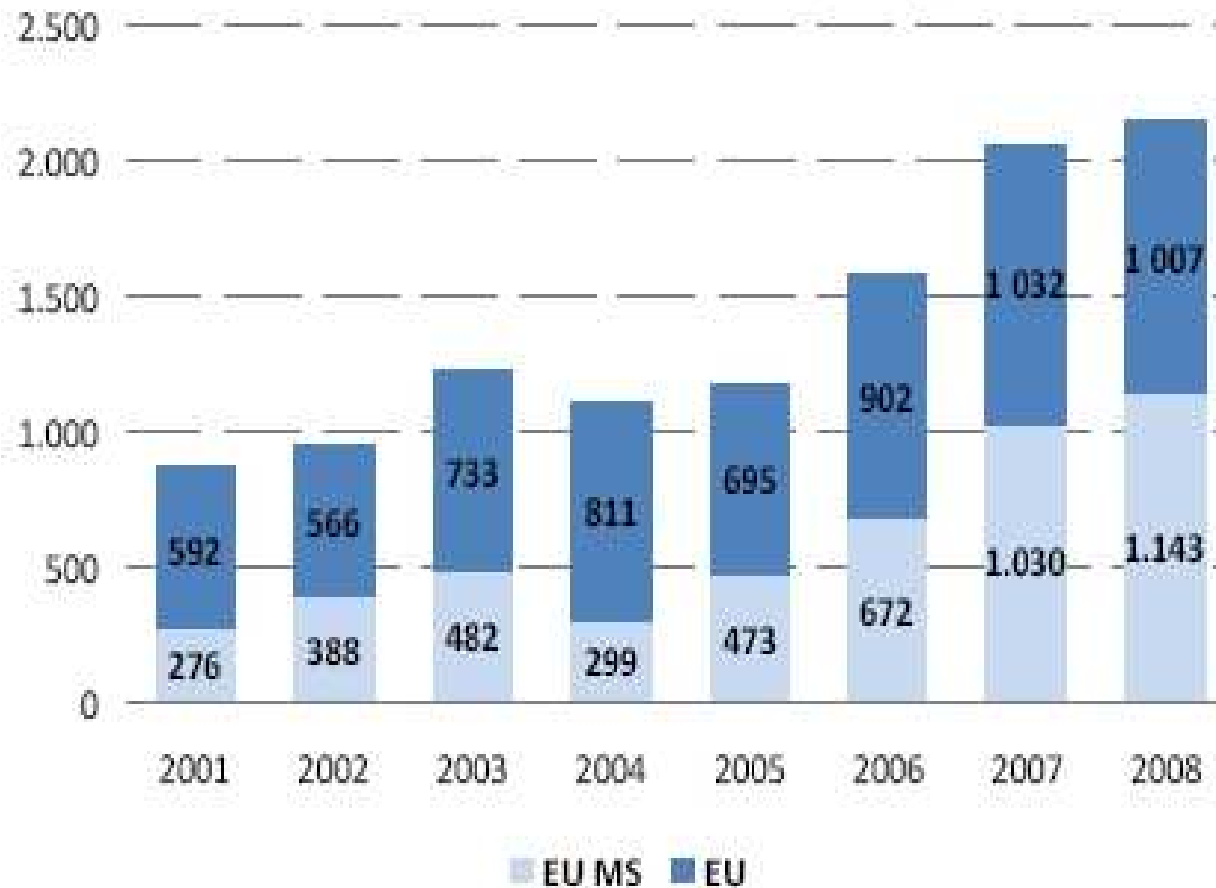
- Adopted in 2007
- Joint EU and EU Member States initiative
- It aims at supporting all developing countries to better integrate into the world trading system and to use trade more effectively in the fight against poverty
- It includes “classical” trade-related assistance (TRA), trade development as well as productive capacity building, trade related infrastructure and trade-related adjustment

mn €

EU + EU MS Aid for Trade



Trade Related Assistance EU Commitments 2001-2008 (mn €)



Preconditions for effective delivery of AfT

- Ownership by partner countries (trade to be embedded in the partner's own development strategies)
- Comprehensive trade needs assessment undertaken by partner countries
- Enhanced donor coordination and joint assistance programmes in AfT-related fields

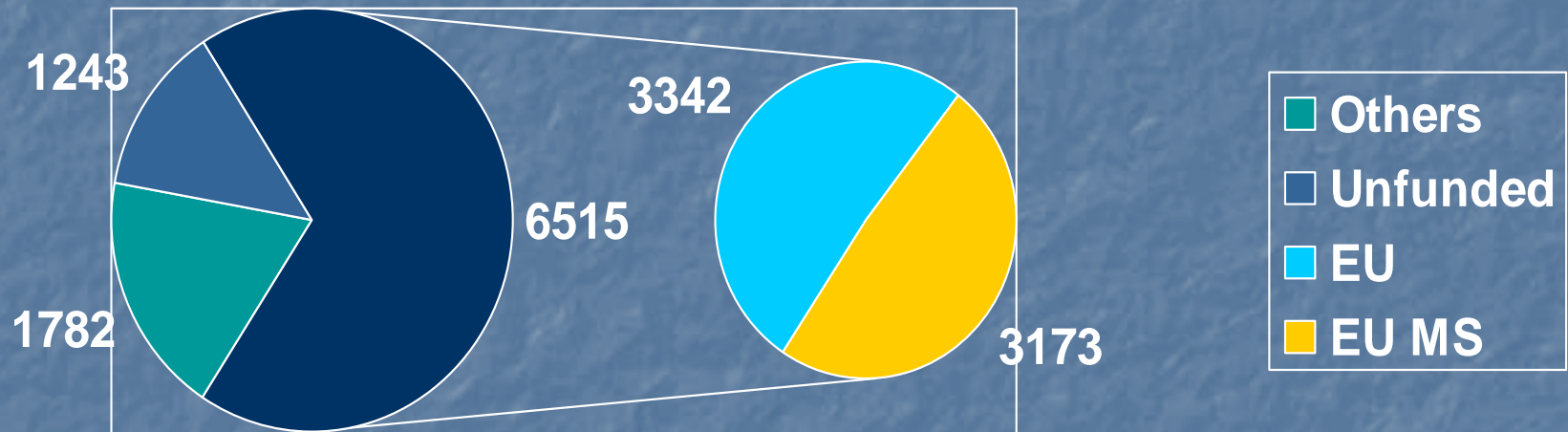
The regional dimension of EU AfT

- Support for regional integration is part of the EU AfT agenda → efforts to establish regional AfT packages
- Regional AfT packages require defining concrete priorities and demand major coordination efforts among a large number of stakeholders at national and regional level
- Regional priorities for AfT need to be reflected in national development strategies

How the RECs can harness AfT: the case of PAPED (1)

- ECOWAS and UEMOA worked together with their Member States to establish PAPED, embedded in EPA negotiations
- It assesses in detail the challenges and opportunities of an EPA and proposes a positive donor support agenda
- EU is committed to providing support to PAPED to help West Africa reap the benefits and to mitigate the negative impacts of EPA

Financial resources for PAPED 2010-14 (€m)



How the RECs can harness Aid for Trade: the case of PAPED (2)

- Framework for AfT to West Africa → Potential instrument for donors' coordination and could contribute to deepening regional integration
- Represents a strong political commitment from the region to an ambitious programme of trade-oriented reforms
- Good donor-recipient coordination but implementation remains a challenge

Thank you for your attention

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