



Early Response Mechanism

Facts and figures

**EU contribution
through the APF 2004-2014:**
EUR 15 million

Initiatives supported in:
Burundi, Central African Republic,
Great Lakes Region, Somalia,
South Sudan, Sudan

**APF financial overview under
European Development Funds
9-II for the period 2004-2014:**

Total commitments: EUR 1 607 million

Total contracts: EUR 1 454.2 million

Total payments: EUR 1 320.5 million

The Early Response Mechanism (ERM) was established in 2009 to give the African Peace Facility (APF) the flexibility it needs to quickly respond to crises across Africa, by endowing the African Union (AU) and the Regional Economic Communities/Regional Mechanisms (RECs/RMs) with a source of immediate funding for actions aimed at the prevention, management or resolution of crises.

Since its creation, the ERM has financed 25 interventions related to mediation, human rights, start-up of Peace Support Operations (PSO) and post-conflict efforts. The ERM was increasingly used to address crises across Africa in 2013, including the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) led mediation efforts in South Sudan. The Mechanism was used to finance the first stages of mediation activities, fact-finding missions and ad-hoc reinforcement of PSO planning cells.



Initiatives supported under the ERM in 2014:

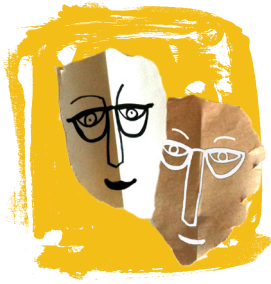
Initiative for Emergency Intervention in Somalia

This initiative of the IGAD aims at pursuing activities in support of post-conflict peace building efforts in Somalia after the defeat of the Islamist terrorist group Al-Shabaab and the election of a new government. ERM funding contributed to reintegrating security forces and enhancing local security arrangements, re-establishing government administrative institutions and enhancing the governance system through capacity building.

Support to the Joint Verification Mechanism of the International Conference of the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR)

To build a foundation for lasting peace and development in the Great Lakes region, the EU is supporting an initiative aimed at the operationalisation of a Joint Verification Mechanism to restore and promote trust between the Democratic Republic of the Congo and its neighbours





“ Even though the ERM was created essentially to offer an early response, it has been appreciated in the Peace and Security Department not only for its speed but also for its flexibility and light procedures specially for mediation; it appears to be one of the few mechanisms available worldwide to fund mediation with these characteristics. ”

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through patrolling, monitoring, reporting and liaising with various stakeholders, including military authorities.

Support to the IGAD mediation process in South Sudan

The overall objective of this initiative is to support the Government of the Republic of South Sudan and those in the opposition in reaching a binding agreement to resolve their differences. It also aims to set up a time-limited support team that provides technical and administrative assistance to facilitate the work of the IGAD panel for South Sudan aimed at the effective and efficient delivery of the negotiation process.

Support to the Friends of COMESA/EAC for Peaceful Burundi Elections in 2015

In order to consolidate the democratic process in Burundi, the Friends of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) and East African Community (EAC) propose to jointly undertake various activities geared towards supporting peaceful local, parliamentary and presidential elections in Burundi. The overall objective is to promote a peaceful environment for elections, prevent elections-related conflict and support a smooth transition after the 2015 elections.

Second facilitation by IGAD of the mediation process in South Sudan

Together with the AU, IGAD and the international community, the EU is working to prevent the crisis in South Sudan descending into civil war. The EU has agreed to earmark EUR 1.1 million for the AU Commission (AUC) and IGAD to provide financial support to the mediation process. The core objective is to resolve the crisis through peaceful means and to facilitate political dialogue between the Government of the Republic of South Sudan and those in opposition.

AUC support to mediation efforts in Central African Republic

The overall objective of this support is to contribute to peace and security in the Central African Republic (CAR) and to create a climate conducive to the holding of elections in the country. Activities include: support to the mediation process in the CAR that started with the National Forum and political dialogue in Brazzaville; support to the AU follow-up activities pertaining to the mediation process in the CAR; support to AUC as part of the international mediation as well as the provision of expertise as required.

AU High Level Implementation Panel

The work of the AU High-Level Implementation Panel (AUHIP) was enabled by ERM funding and has been sustained in large part by this. The High-Level Implementation Panel, comprised of former presidents, assists in the implementation of all aspects of the AU Panel on Darfur's Recommendations, and assists in the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement and other related processes, as part of the democratic transformation of Sudan. AUHIP is a concrete example of a strategic alliance between the EU and Africa.