



**GOAL 1.1
MATCHING TOOLS AND
PRACTICES WITH USERS' NEEDS**

PROGRAMME MANAGER

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TIMELINE

February 2020 to January 2024

INVESTMENT

EUR 8 000 000

STAFF INVOLVED

11.5 FTEs

MOST IMPACTED CAPITAL¹

Relational

MOST IMPACTED STAKEHOLDER

Institutions

¹ As part of an integrated thinking approach, in 2016 the Office adopted the five capitals value creation model (human, organisational, relational, economic & environmental).

AFRIPI, PAN-AFRICAN PROJECT

The Office has consolidated a **close cooperation with the European Commission to improve IP systems in non-EU countries/regions**. EU-funded projects are currently of two types, those funded under the EU's [Partnership Instrument](#) (such as the [IP Key](#) projects) and those funded under the [cooperation and development Instruments-DCI/EDF/ENI](#) (such as [AfrIPI](#)).

The **Intellectual Property Rights and Innovation Project (AfrIPI)** focuses on improving IP systems in Africa and developing the IPR chapter of the AfCFTA.

While the overall objective of the AfrIPI is 'to facilitate intra-African trade and African and European investment', it specifically pursues the aim that 'IPR are created, protected, utilized, administered and enforced across Africa, in line with international and European best practice and in support of the AfCFTA and the African Union's Agenda 2063'.

EXPECTED BENEFITS

- Stronger IP offices offering high quality, state of the art services to users
- Availability of effective IPR enforcement mechanisms