



WAPIS PROGRAMME

PROGRESS REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2022



OVERALL PROGRAMME PRESENTATION

Title

Supporting the strengthening of police information systems in the wider West African Region

Duration

The overall duration of the action is 72 months (17 November 2017 to 16 November 2023).

Total cost

EUR 28 M, fully financed by the European Commission under the aegis of the ECOWAS and implemented by INTERPOL

Target groups

The main target groups are Law Enforcement Agencies (Police, Gendarmerie, Customs, Immigration Services, etc.) across the Region.

Overall objective

Increase the capacity of West African law enforcement authorities to combat transnational crime and terrorism through enhanced information management and sharing.

Specific objectives

1. Harmonize and provide a framework for the management of police information at a national and regional level in the wider West African Region;
2. Improve West African Law Enforcement Agencies' capabilities in terms of collecting, centralizing, managing, and sharing their police data within the Region;
3. Enhance information sharing between the West African law enforcement community and the global law enforcement community through the access to the INTERPOL databases

Additional initiative

Implementation of the WAPIS/AFIS Project: introducing automated systems for criminal fingerprint identification in West African countries:

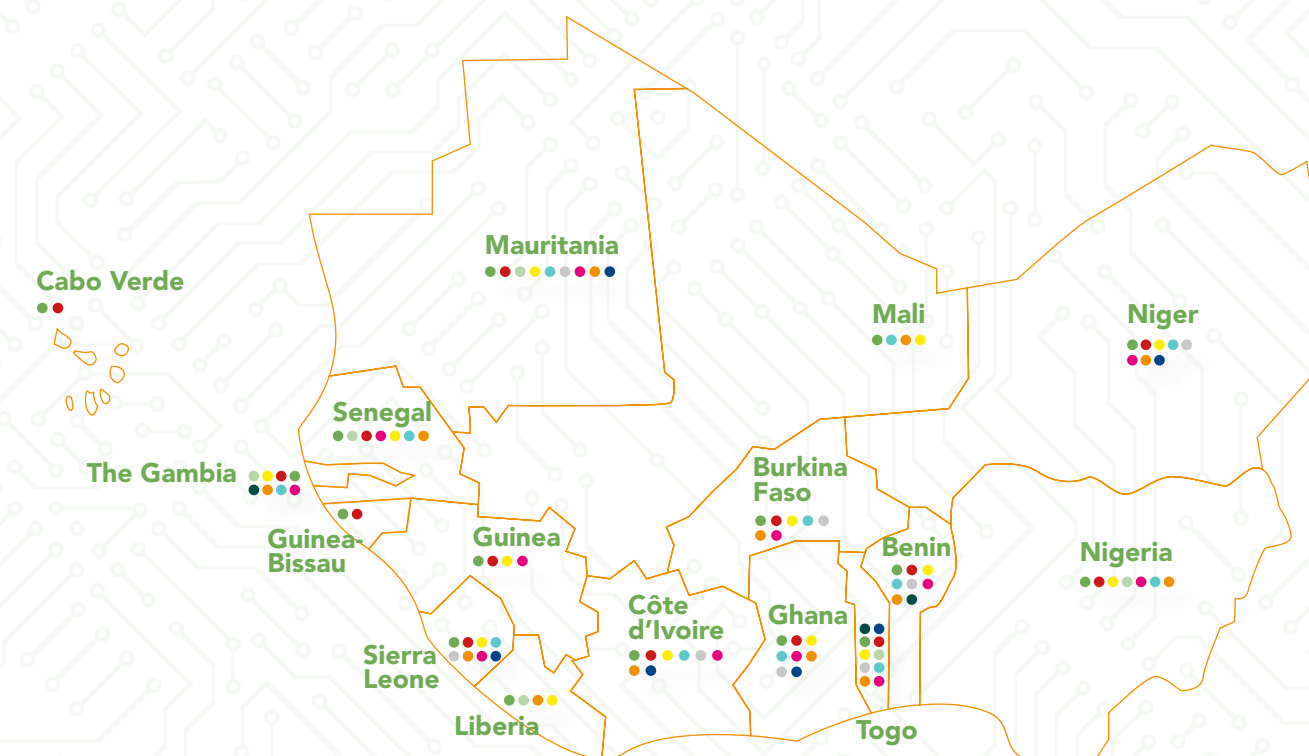
With 5 million Euros of funding provided by the EU over a period of 36 months (2022-2024), the aim of the AFIS project is to strengthen or set up criminal AFIS systems in West African countries, as the next step in the West Africa Police Information System Programme (WAPIS).

The addition of biometric data via the establishment of criminal AFIS systems in these countries could considerably increase the impact of the WAPIS Programme and, more generally, the capacity of law enforcement services to identify criminals and therefore to combat criminal activity.

KEY FACTS

Geographical scope

The geographical scope of the action covers West Africa:



- 16 participating countries have signed the MoU on the implementation of the WAPIS Programme.
- 14 Countries have either adopted the legal framework required for WAPIS or are currently updating it
- 14 countries have started digitalisation of paper-based police files
- 13 West African countries have had their DACORE premises renovated with the support of the Programme and two others are in the process of doing so (Cabo Verde and Guinea Bissau);
- 11 West African Countries have an operational DACORE implemented by the Programme.
- 8 West African countries have operational remote sites connected to their national WAPIS System.
- 12 West African countries have a national network of trainers supported by the programme.
- 13 West African countries have signed the "Direct Access to the INTERPOL Information System" agreement with INTERPOL which allows them to access INTERPOL databases from national WAPIS Systems.
- 6 participating countries are connected to I-24/7 and are able to consult the INTERPOL databases through the WAPIS System.
- 3 West African countries have been selected to act as pilot countries for implementation of the project.

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have been trained on the use of the WAPIS System

2 specialized regional training sessions (Francophone and Anglophone)

HAVE BEEN HELD ON:



personal data protection



data quality including

DELIVERED
TO 24 REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE FOLLOWING
COUNTRIES

Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Niger, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, and The Gambia;



Detailed information on:



Have been recorded



In the databases

OF 9
PARTICIPATING
COUNTRIES
Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, and Togo



The Programme has developed and shared a budget template for the maintenance of equipment and premises and the operating costs of the national WAPIS system with national authorities in order to ensure the sustainability of the Programme.

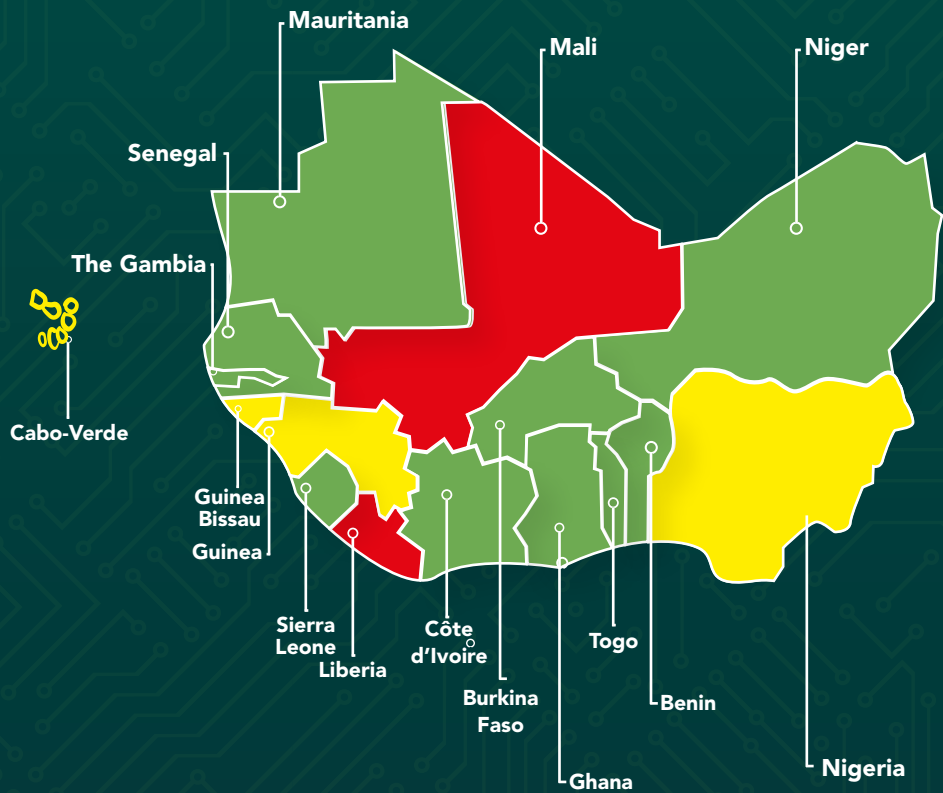
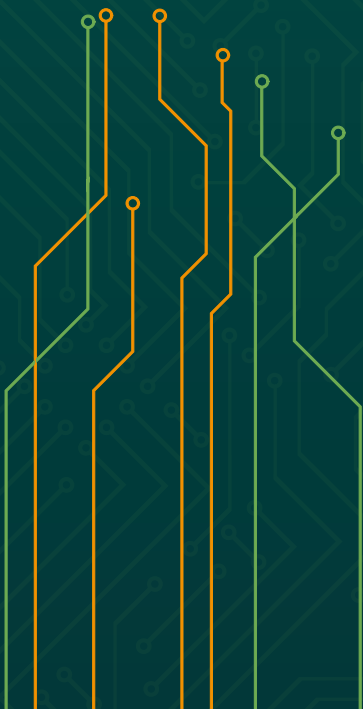


A Best Practice Guide on Data Protection developed by INTERPOL, approved by ECOWAS, and shared with participating countries.



The Gambia and Guinea-Bissau have published the Supplementary Act A/SA.1/01/10 on Personal Data Protection within ECOWAS (2010) as per the recommendations of the 4th WAPIS Steering Committee.

ASSESSMENT OF IMPLEMENTATION STATUS IN BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES



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	Started in October 2013				Started in February 2016			Started in November 2017								
	Benin	Ghana	Mali	Niger	Burkina Faso	Côte d'Ivoire	Mauritania	Cabo-Verde	The Gambia	Guinée	Guinea-Bissau	Liberia	Nigeria	Senegal	Sierra Leone	Togo
MoU signed	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
SPOC appointed	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Legal Expert appointed	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Technical Expert appointed	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Legal framework for DACORE adopted	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Legal framework for the System adopted	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Legal framework for WANACO adopted	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
DACORE premises assigned and renovated	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Dedicated staff appointed to work on the WAPIS System	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
National user training initiated	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
DACORE operational	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
WAPIS backup site assigned and operational	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
WAPIS extension in the greater capital up and running	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
WAPIS extension to I-24/7 operational	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Budget line adopted	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●





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