



Expertise France AND **climate**



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56
climate projects

€347.5 M
of multi-year business volume

Climate disruption threatens all living beings and has prompted many countries to rethink their development model. Expertise France helps actors and partner local authorities mainstream climate issues into their policies and programmes, thereby contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement targets.

Climate issues and public policies

Expertise France helps more than 90 partner countries define and implement innovative climate solutions. The agency works with partners in the public and private sectors to mitigate the effects of climate change and help the most vulnerable people adapt to them. Its operations cover various countries, a variety of financing arrangements, a wide range of strategic areas, and the different aspects of climate change mitigation and adaptation measures.

Our operating methods

As the French public international technical cooperation agency, Expertise France helps establish governance conducive to sustainable and responsible climate action. The agency's approach is in line with AFD Group's "climate-development" strategy which guides the Group's climate activities.

Expertise France contributes to building the capacities of authorities and field operators by taking action at the local, regional and national levels. Its actions include:

- The provision of specific public and private technical expertise
- Experience-sharing among peers
- Improving and sharing knowledge and technologies
- Developing skills for structuring complex projects with climate co-benefits
- Involving local communities in processes to plan climate policies and in the consideration of their vulnerabilities and needs
- Support for pilot projects through grants

In 2023, Expertise France is mobilising French resources (30%) and European resources (70%) to help partner countries and territories establish low-carbon and climate-resilient development trajectories.



Our lines of action

#1

Create a governance framework conducive to climate policies and strategies

The Paris Agreement is the main international governance framework on climate change. It is based on a principle of common but differentiated responsibility: each country must make efforts, depending on their specific circumstances, to limit their greenhouse gas emissions. These commitments to reduce emissions are grouped into Nationally Determined Contributions.

Many of the world's most vulnerable countries are among the lowest greenhouse gas emitters. Consequently, **climate change adaptation** is the priority in their climate planning. The aim of this planning is to make their economies and societies resilient to the consequences of climate change. It therefore involves making the various public policies and actions climate-compatible.

Expertise France's action specifically focuses on:

- **Strengthening the climate governance framework**
- **Assisting with the preparation and/or revision of the commitments** made by the partner country under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
- **Implementing long-term strategies**

To promote a common and shared vision, the formulation of these commitments and their application in national legal and institutional frameworks requires technical capacities and the involvement of a wide array of stakeholders, including the private sector and civil society actors. This is also the case for the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of these activities.

At the same time, the agency carries out projects on **climate justice**, with the aim of improving access to law and justice for people affected by climate change. Expertise France contributes to strengthening the measurement and evaluation systems of its partners' meteorological and climate services. The objective is to ensure that decision-making takes greater account of current and future impacts and also to monitor and evaluate activities in a transparent manner.

#2

Contributing to reducing and preventing climate risks

The signs of climate change are already visible (including droughts, torrential rains, coastal erosion, heat waves, coastal flooding, forest fires and saltwater intrusion). They are expected to become more frequent and more intense in the coming years. Water shortages, energy crises and weakened infrastructure and supply networks are likely to affect people's food security.

Several of Expertise France's countries of operation rank among the top ten in the Global Climate Risk Index, which highlights the countries most affected by extreme climate weather events. In this context, **there is an urgent need to increase the capacity for resilience of people**.

The research conducted by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and Oxford University suggests that Nature-based Solutions can make a 30% contribution to the mitigation efforts needed to stabilise global warming at below 2°C. In addition, **Nature-based Solutions are a powerful defence against the signs of climate change**, such as floods and urban heat islands.

Our lines of action

#3

Develop sustainable cities

Cities bring together a diversity of actors. They are a key space for mobilising future generations and realising the potential of Nature-based Solutions. While 50% of the world's population now lives in cities, they are continuing to grow and are expected to be home to 70% of the planet's habitats by 2050. According to UN-Habitat, half of the urban areas that will exist in ten years have not been built yet. In developing countries, the Global Environment Facility estimates that 60 to 70% of infrastructure will be built in these areas in the coming years. Urban planning is a major driver for the sustainable development of cities. It makes it possible to take climate issues into account in the prevention of risks of natural disasters, the reduction of greenhouse gases, the development of resilient infrastructure and services, and the preservation of biodiversity and the environment.

Expertise France works with local authorities on the definition and implementation of **sustainable urban policies** (including planning and map data) and the **development of urban services accessible to all and resilient infrastructure** (including flood management and the prevention of natural disasters).

#4

Move towards a just energy transition

The growth, industrialisation and urbanisation of developing countries lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions. Efforts to address this must focus on international action for the transition towards a low-carbon economy. This requires measures to assist the countries engaged in transition, support for private sector investment, and the mobilisation of financial and technical resources.

Expertise France helps with the preparation and implementation of certain **low-carbon strategies** and roadmaps that define reduction trajectories for greenhouse gas emissions until they achieve neutrality. This involves developing tools that allow decision-makers and citizens to develop scenarios that take into account vulnerabilities related to climate change, as well as their sectoral dimensions and their economic and social implications.

The just energy transition takes into account the social impacts of the energy transition by:

- Creating income and decent jobs
- Reducing poverty and inequality
- Supporting workers, communities and regions affected by the move away from fossil fuels

It involves establishing an inclusive social dialogue between governments, representatives of employers and workers, and any group concerned by the transition towards green economies.



#5

Improve access to climate finance

During COP15 in Copenhagen, developed countries pledged to mobilise \$100 billion per year for climate action in developing countries. While this commitment was reiterated at the time of the ratification of the Paris Agreement, the annual financial flows of climate finance still fall short of what developing countries need to accelerate their transition towards low-carbon and resilient development.

To address this challenge, Expertise France helps the Ministries of Finance of its partner countries **identify and track existing climate-related expenditures**. The agency also assists public and private financial sectors with the adoption of green taxonomies. With European Union funds, or in close synergy with Agence Française de Développement and its subsidiary Proparco, it mobilises expertise to help partner countries **identify their financial needs and plan and mobilise resources**.

The public sector has long been perceived as the only source of climate finance. But the financing needs are too substantial and the availability of resources can pose problems, particularly for indebted countries. In view of this, creating an enabling environment for private sector investment for the climate can be a key factor.



#6

Ensure resilient agriculture

The agriculture sector faces several major challenges: food security for a growing population, provide farmers with decent incomes, climate change and its effects on crops, improve the economic profitability of sectors, and biodiversity loss and the overexploitation of natural resources.

Sustainable and collaborative solutions are needed to address these challenges and **ensure resilient and environmentally-friendly agriculture**. This involves improving access to resources (including land, water and seeds), adaptation (including techniques and genetic material) to climate change and access to markets, as well as to technological innovations and agricultural knowledge.

In this respect, **Expertise France assists sector operators at all levels with the implementation of their projects**: governments, chambers of agriculture, chambers of commerce, institutions, farmers, traders, processors, cooperatives, inter-branch organisations, researchers, laboratories, NGOs.

Promoting sustainable and responsible climate action

CARIBBEAN

RESEMBID – PROGRAMME FOR RESILIENCE, SUSTAINABLE ENERGIES AND MARINE BIODIVERSITY

2019-2023 | €36.9 M | European Union

With the RESEMBID programme, Expertise France is supporting national efforts towards sustainable human development deployed by Caribbean Overseas Countries and Territories.

The project aims to increase the resilience of these countries and their adaptation to extreme and recurrent natural phenomena.

LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN

EUROCLIMA

2023-2027 | €21 M | European Union

EUROCLIMA is a regional cooperation programme for climate change mitigation and adaptation. It aims to assist partner countries with the implementation of their Nationally Determined Contributions.

The activities are jointly identified with the institutional counterparts in each country (sectoral ministries) through country dialogues. The objective is to define, program and implement priority activities to reduce the impact of climate change.

COLOMBIA

LONG-TERM CLIMATE STRATEGY (E2050 COLOMBIA)

2019-2021 | €1.3 M | Agence Française de Développement

The project aims to make Colombia a climate-resilient and carbon-neutral economy, with a considerable adaptation capacity in its territories and sectors of activity.

The objective is to increase the country's capacity to adapt to the adverse effects of climate change and establish climate-resilient development, focusing on biodiversity conservation and water security.

#1

Governance

#2

Climate risks



EUROPE

GREEN BUDGET TRAINING PROJECT

2021-2023 | €1 M | European Union

The project aims to illustrate the impact that State expenditure has on the environment and the climate by improving the capacity of 23 European Union Member States to deploy a green budget.

The main objective is to train Ministries of Finance in partner States in the expenditure assessment methodology, develop an interministerial collaborative framework, and promote exchanges on green budgeting between European public officials.

ARMENIA

FINANCIAL TRANSITION AND GREEN PUBLIC FINANCES

2023-2025 | €1 M | Agence Française de Développement

This project aims to help the Armenian Ministry of Economy develop and strengthen tools and strategies to increase the resilience of the Armenian population and encourage the national economy to adapt to climate change, especially in terms of strategies for a green economy and a circular economy.

GREECE

MANAGEMENT OF EMERGENCIES AND THE CLIMATE CRISIS

2022-2023 | €1,5 M | European Union

The project aims to improve the preparation for emergency situations, the response, and adaptation to climate change.

Expertise France is helping Greek institutions to improve forecasting systems and civil security services to strengthen their capabilities.

LATIN AMERICA

AMAZONIA +: GREEN TRANSITION OF THE AMAZON BASIN

2023-2027 | €6 M | European Union

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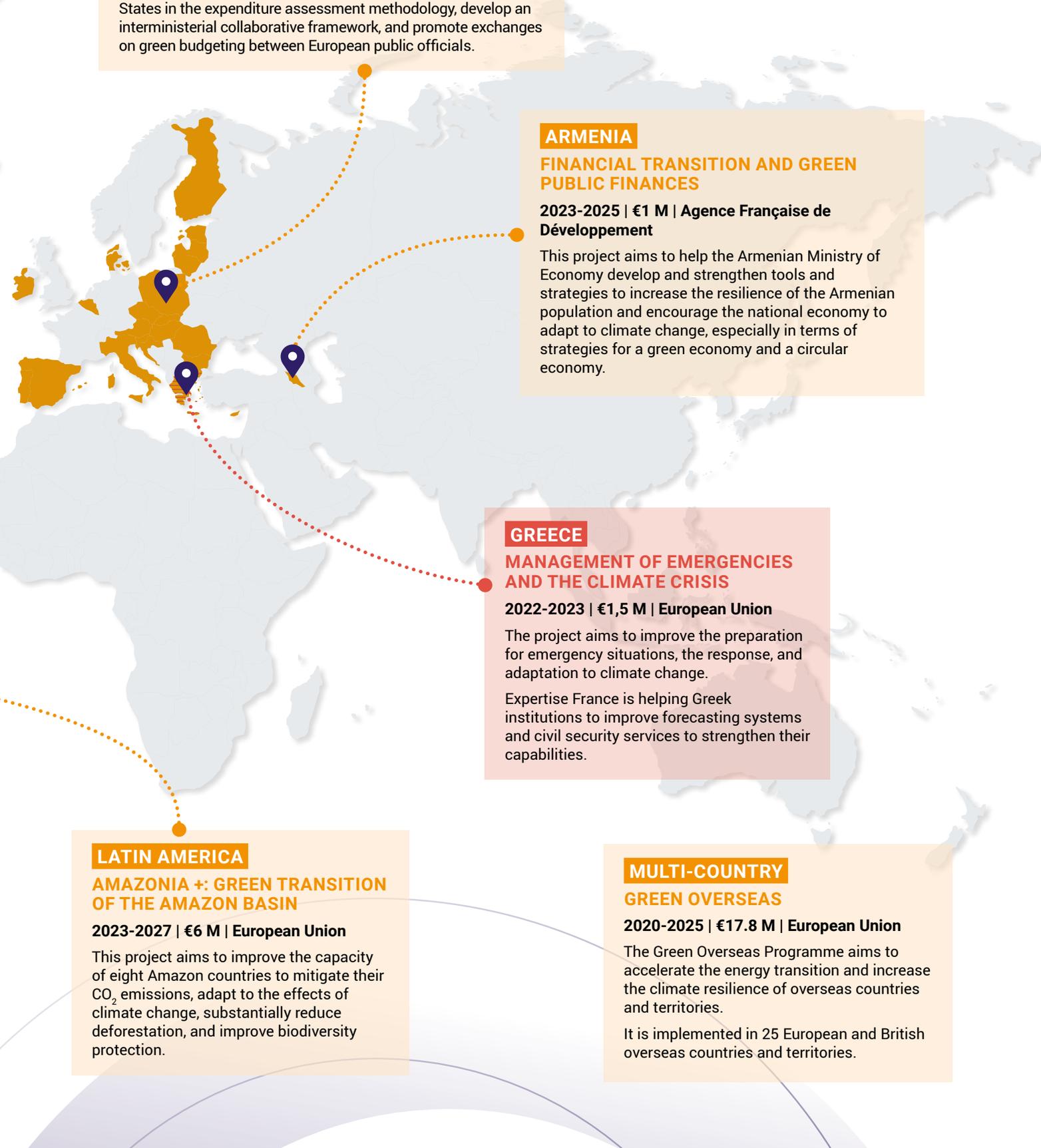
MULTI-COUNTRY

GREEN OVERSEAS

2020-2025 | €17.8 M | European Union

The Green Overseas Programme aims to accelerate the energy transition and increase the climate resilience of overseas countries and territories.

It is implemented in 25 European and British overseas countries and territories.



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COSTA RICA

SUPPORTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL DECARBONISATION PLAN

2021-2023 | €1.7 M | Agence Française de Développement

This project involves technical assistance from Expertise France to assist the Government of Costa Rica with the implementation of a loan for decarbonisation.

The assistance focuses on sustainable construction and urban planning, waste management, and the just transition.

HAITI

URBAYITI – URBAN GOVERNANCE AND RESILIENT CITIES

2017-2024 | €14.4 M | European Union

The Urbayiti programme aims to promote the economic and social development of Haiti and contribute to the resilience of populations by improving urban management, strengthening urban planning, and assisting with the implementation of municipal operations.

CÔTE D'IVOIRE

LOW-CARBON TRANSITION

2023-2026 | €5.9 M | European Union

This project contributes to improving Côte d'Ivoire's climate performance. The objective is to assist the Ivorian Government with the management and supervision of the implementation of its climate strategy, while including gender issues.

The project aims to implement activities directly in line with the targets set out by Côte d'Ivoire in its Nationally Determined Contributions.

#3

Sustainable cities

#4

Just energy transition

ALBANIA

ELECTRICITY SECTOR REFORM

2020-2022 | €1 M | Agence Française de Développement

Through this programme, Expertise France is helping the Albanian authorities develop a modern regulatory framework for the electricity sector. It is implementing various activities, for example, to build the capacities of the Ministry of Energy, the national energy regulation board and the energy efficiency agency, improve measures to protect vulnerable people, and work on electricity pricing issues.

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

SUPPORT FOR THE COVENANT OF MAYORS FOR SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

2019-2023 | €4.7 M | European Union

The Covenant of Mayors for Sub-Saharan Africa (CoM SSA) is an initiative financed by the European Union. It aims to assist cities in Sub-Saharan Africa with their fight against climate change and their efforts to ensure access to clean energy for their populations.

CÔTE D'IVOIRE

MAXIMISING THE SOCIOECONOMIC IMPACTS OF RURAL ELECTRIFICATION

2021-2025 | €4 M | Agence Française de Développement

The project to support the maximisation of the socioeconomic impacts of rural electrification in Côte d'Ivoire contributes to improving the quality of life in rural areas by increasing access to quality electrical equipment for households, microenterprises and community spaces.

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TUNISIA

EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN AND RURAL ORGANISATIONS

2023-2027 | €4.5 M | Agence Française de Développement

The project aims to contribute to empowering women and improving their working conditions in the agriculture sector.

One component is devoted to work on social norms related to gender, while another focuses on adaptation to climate change and the processing and marketing of agricultural products.

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Climate Finance

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Agriculture

TUNISIA

SUNREF

2020-2023 | €2.2 M | Agence Française de Développement

The SUNREF mechanism supports the development of the green finance market by stimulating green investment, encouraging banks to finance it, and strengthening the capacities of key players in this field.

This support is provided through the activation of three main mechanisms: a €60 million credit line, €11 million of investment premiums and dedicated technical assistance.

TUNISIA

GREENOV'I

2023-2027 | €12 M | European Union

GREENOV'I contributes to supporting the financing of Tunisia's entrepreneurial fabric by developing production methods for goods and service management, in line with the principles of the green economy. The project is based on three areas: green innovation, the low-carbon economy and the ecological transition.

Expertise France is working on establishing financing mechanisms for economic operators, microenterprises, small and medium-sized enterprises and international technical experts.

WEST AFRICA

GCCA+

2017-2022 | €12.1 M | European Union

The GCCA+ West Africa project aims to contribute to the West African regional effort for the implementation of the Paris Agreement. To this end, it targets capacity building for regional institutions in West Africa, as well as the emergence of innovative field solutions to strengthen the climate resilience of agricultural and rural actors.

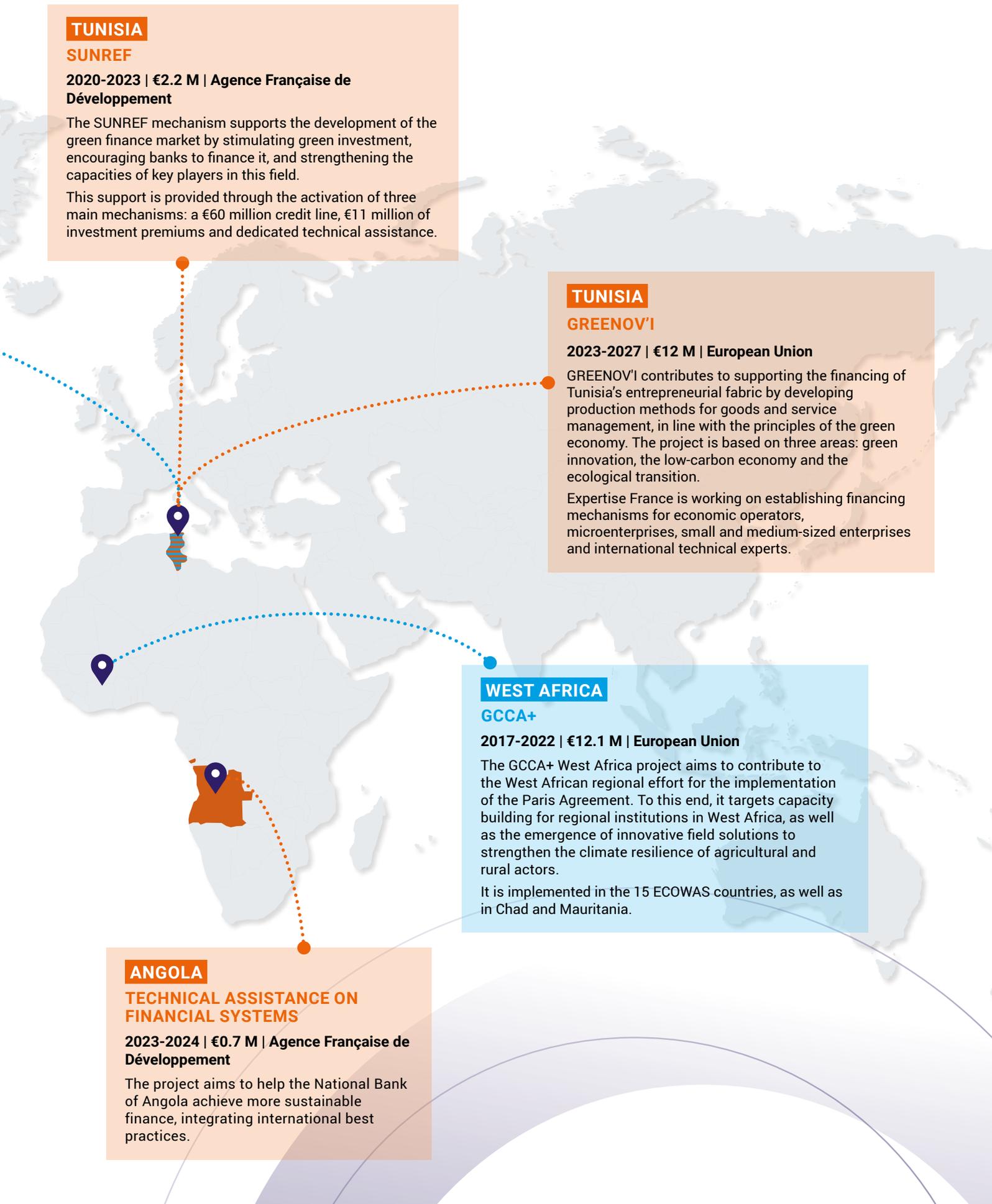
It is implemented in the 15 ECOWAS countries, as well as in Chad and Mauritania.

ANGOLA

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON FINANCIAL SYSTEMS

2023-2024 | €0.7 M | Agence Française de Développement

The project aims to help the National Bank of Angola achieve more sustainable finance, integrating international best practices.



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