

# P108

**Strengthening the control and analytical capabilities to improve the security of the food chain in the African Atlantic Façade.**

## Context

In the African Atlantic Façade region, foodborne infections and intoxications pose a significant public health challenge. Effective control and protection of the food chain demand a comprehensive legal framework that fosters collaboration among various entities, implements preventive measures, and establishes an integrated crisis management system for these threats. However, such mechanisms are often lacking or inadequate in the countries of this region.

## Areas of action

**The P108 project**, funded by the European Union in the African Atlantic Façade region, supports partner countries in the following areas :

- ◆ **Food safety**: prevention of natural or accidental contamination of foodstuff.
- ◆ **Food defense**: prevention of intentional contamination of foodstuffs, including those caused by malicious, criminal, or terrorist activities.
- ◆ **Food fraud** : prevention of deception regarding the nature, quality, or origin of food products for economic profit.

## In brief



### Duration

36 months



### Budget

3,5 million



### Lessors

Funded by European Commission's Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI)



### Implementing Consortium

Implemented by a consortium including GIZ, France Vétérinaire International and the University of Liège, under the direction of Expertise France, with the support of UNICRI (United Nations Interregional Crime & Justice Research Institute) and JRC (Joint Research Centre).

## Partner countries

Benin

Cameroon

Ivory Coast

Gabon

Liberia

Morocco

Mauritania

Senegal

Sierra Leone

Togo

# Objectives

- ◆ **Identify priority actions** to improve the legal framework and strengthen control mechanisms.
- ◆ **Develop and enhance capacities** for managing food crises.
- ◆ **Strengthen stakeholder awareness and training.**

## Project outline



### Phase 1 : Diagnosis

This first phase, planned for **2025**, will begin with an **assessment of the existing legal provisions, structures, and resources** to ensure control in the areas of food safety, food defense, and food fraud. Based on this diagnosis, **priority actions to optimize the regulatory framework and controls will be defined** in collaboration with national authorities. Finally, **an awareness campaign** will target institutional stakeholders, professionals, and the general population.



### Phase 2 : Capacity building

The second phase, which will take place from **2026 to 2027**, will focus on delivering **tailored technical and regulatory training**. It will also aim to **strengthen emergency response plans** for food safety, food defense, and food fraud control, by building on existing ones and creating new plans where needed. Finally, the project will **support the organization of tabletop and field exercises**.



## Implementing consortium

### Expertise France (Project lead)

Expertise France coordinates the project, manages its administrative and financial aspects, and represents the consortium to the EU and partner institutions. It supervises technical experts, organizes steering committees, ensures compliance with contractual commitments, and contributes its expertise in international cooperation and institutional strengthening.

### France Vétérinaire International (FVI)

FVI provides expertise in animal health, food safety, and the fight against food fraud. It mobilizes experts to support training activities, assess control procedures, and assist national partners. FVI also updates the project's logical framework every six months.

### GIZ (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit)

GIZ provides cross-cutting support for the implementation of the project by mobilizing experts to assist national authorities, develop public policies, and strengthen technical capacities. It also contributes to training, comparative studies, and institutional support.

### University of Liège (ULiège)

ULiège mobilizes academic experts to analyze legal frameworks, design training programs, and capture best practices. It also supports the development of evaluation methodologies and comparative analyses.

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