

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE SPS FIELD PROVIDED BY THE
EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES**

Information from the European Communities

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1. The European Union is a major provider of technical assistance in the area of sanitary and phytosanitary issues to third countries, and especially developing countries.
 2. In order to improve coordination and transparency, the Commission Services have established, with the assistance of the EC member States an inventory of the recent and ongoing projects which are addressing animal health, plant health, food safety and other SPS-related issues. The result shows a strong commitment of the European Communities to assist countries and regions to improve their food safety situation and meet SPS-related standards, as well as highlights the EC support to the OIE, IPPC, CODEX and the STDF.
 3. The inventory, in the form of an Excel table, provides information of the nature of the project, region, country, donor, contact person, implementing agency, sector, amount, year.
 4. An electronic version of the inventory is available on http://europa.eu.int/comm/trade/issues/sectoral/agri_fish/sps/trta_en.htm
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