



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

**TIMELINE**

February 2020 to February 2025

**INVESTMENT**

EUR 17.1 million

**STAFF INVOLVED**

14.5 FTEs<sup>1</sup>

**MOST IMPACTED CAPITAL<sup>2</sup>**

Relational

**MOST IMPACTED STAKEHOLDER**

Institutions

<sup>1</sup> Full-time equivalent

<sup>2</sup> As part of an integrated thinking approach, in 2016 the Office adopted a five capitals value creation model (human, organisational, relational, economic & environmental).

**AFRIPI, PAN-AFRICAN PROJECT**

The Office works in **close cooperation with the European Commission to improve intellectual property (IP) systems in non-EU countries or regions**. There are currently two types of EU-funded project: those funded under the EU's [Partnership Instrument](#) (such as the [IP Key](#)) and those funded under the [Development Cooperation Instruments](#) (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 African Continental Free Trade Area (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 'intellectual property rights (IPRs) 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