EC/South Africa relations: financial, technical and economic cooperation

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This proposal for a regulation seeks to implement financial and technical cooperation with South Africa within the framework of a European Programme for Reconstruction and Development in South Africa. The aim of this cooperation is to contribute to South Africa's economic and social development and to consolidate the new foundations laid for a democratic society. It supports in particular the poorest sections of the population in South Africa. The operations to be financed under this programme, in the form of non-repayable aid, focus mainly on the following areas: education, training, health, urban and rural development, the private sector (especially SMEs), strengthening of institutions and organization of local communities, democratization and protection of human rights. They include studies, technical assistance, training, the provision of services and works and audit and monitoring missions. Recipients of financial assistance will be national, regional and local authorities and public bodies, NGOs and local communities, regional and international organizations and private-sector institutes and operators. Local partners and Member States will, where possible, be required to make a financial contribution. The Commission will be in charge of appraising, taking decisions on and managing projects, assisted by a committee of representatives from the Member States. A specific procedure is planned for projects in excess of ECU 2 million or where changes to projects involve a 20% increase in expenditure.