

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

ACP Region: Central Africa
Population: 3.7 million
Official Language: French, Sango
Capital: Bangui

National authority responsible for culture: Ministère de la Jeunesse et des Sports, des Arts et de la Culture.

Culture policy: For many years, artists have been asking for a cultural forum to be held to define a Central African cultural policy.

Principal public cultural bodies:

- Bureau Centrafricain du droit d'auteur (BUCADA)

Some professional organisations:

- Union des Musiciens Centrafricains

Some events:

- Festival Ngombi des Musiques Urbaines d'Afrique/Ngombi Festival of African Urban Music
- Festival International de Conte et de l'Oralité/International Festival of Stories and Oral Narratives

COOPERATION WITH THE EC

Cultural cooperation: The EDF financed the study of a rural cinema project and a film (€400,000). Culture is not included in the 9th EDF spheres of cooperation.

Regional cooperation: EC/Central Africa Programme

Other programmes that may interest cultural participants: The decentralised cooperation budget line supports in particular projects that contribute to capacity building in organisations in civil society and setting up of platforms, collectives or other associative consortiums.

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