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CONTRIBUTE **TO ENHANCE CYBERSECURITY AND COMBAT CYBERCRIME** 

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**ORGANISED CRIME: WEST AFRICAN** RESPONSE ON CYBERSECURITY AND FIGHT AGAINST CYBERCRIME

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# **OVERALL OBJECTIVE**

Contribute to enhance cybersecurity and combat cybercrime.

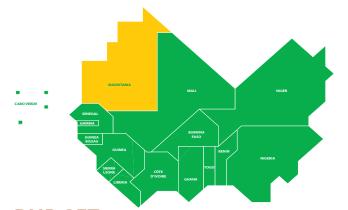
## **EXPECTED RESULTS**

• The resilience and robustness of the information infrastructure are improved.

• The capacity of the stakeholders in charge of combating cybercrime is being improved.

#### **BENEFICIARIES**

ECOWAS Commission, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo and Mauritania.



BUDGET

7,5 M€

### DURATION

48 months (1st February 2019 - 31 January 2023).

### **7 MAIN ACTIVITIES**



**1 - To establish a strategic framework** that strengthens the technical, operational and analytical expertise of national institutions concerned with cybersecurity



2 - To improve cybersecurity awareness and stakeholder empowerment to secure the Internet at national and regional levels

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**3** - To improve the capabilities of handling computer security incidents in two pilot countries



**4** - To strengthen respect for human rights and the rule of law in two pilot countries

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**5** - To analyze the strategic framework for the implementation of public key infrastructure (PKI) for two pilot countries



**6** - To improve the legal framework for citizens to take advantage of the digital dividends of an open, free, secure and resilient cyberspace



**7 - To improve response capabilities** to cybercrime cases in two pilot countries