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Quick Facts

Countries	Benin
Financial Institutions	African Development Bank (AFDB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2025-10-24
Borrower	Government of Benin
Sectors	Climate and Environment, Law and Government
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 127.88 million

Project Description

According to bank provided information, the development objective of PADECT is to transform local authorities into hubs capable of attracting private investment and generating employment. By improving the local investment climate, strengthening SME support systems, expanding digital infrastructure and services, and enhancing climate resilience through local adaptation mechanisms such as FONCAT and FNEC, the programme aims to boost local productivity, modernise public administration, and build safer and more competitive territories.

The Support Programme for the Economic Development of Local Authorities (PADECT) is a six-year operation (2026–2031) designed to strengthen the attractiveness, competitiveness, and resilience of Benin’s 77 municipalities. The programme supports the Government’s territorial development agenda by accelerating transformative investments in local economic development, digital transformation, and climate change adaptation. Implemented through a Results-Based Financing approach, PADECT contributes directly to the Government’s broader regional development programme (PACT) by focusing on priority sectors that influence the capacity of municipalities to stimulate private investment and job creation. The programme is financed by the African Development Bank Group through an ADB loan of EUR 110 million and an ADF loan of UA 5.8 million, granted to the Republic of Benin. The Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF), through its Economic and Financial Programme Monitoring Unit (CSPEF), serves as the programme’s executing agency.

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- African Development Bank (AFDB)

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