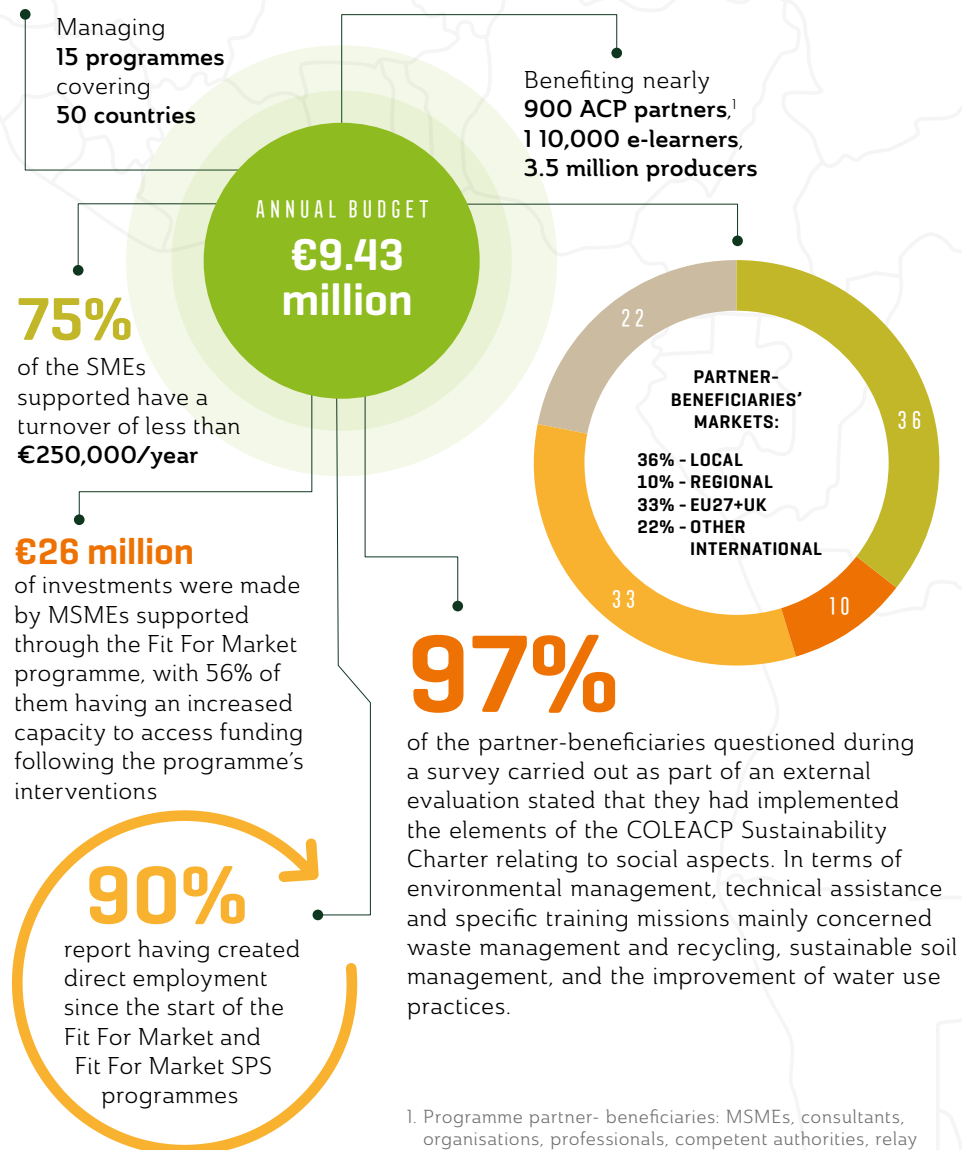




MAIN DEVELOPMENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2021

Our 2021 operations in figures



Resumption of international missions...

The first international missions since the beginning of the pandemic were organised in the third and fourth quarters of 2021, involving the COLEACP team based in Europe visiting **Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya, Togo/Benin and the Dominican Republic**



... Including...

256

technical assistance missions (under the Fit For Market and Fit For Market SPS programmes)

16

studies and market profiles produced and disseminated

14

trials set up by the Research and Innovation Brokerage department

450

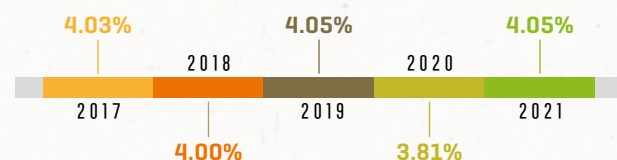
technical, information, communication and training materials, carrying the logos of our financial partners, produced and distributed

270 TRAINING SESSIONS FOR
3,820 PARTICIPANTS

... Concrete results achieved through advocacy

- Tackling unfair trade practices
- Support for the release of shipments blocked at EU border controls
- Piloting of the Integrated Farm Assurance Version 6 of GLOBALG.A.P.
- Advocacy for ACP interests in relation to the evolution of the new EU rules on organic farming; cadmium in avocados; and the evolving French regulations on packaging and labelling of plastics

... Maintaining the ACP countries' market share of values on the EU market (excluding bananas)



... With a drop in RASFF and EUROPHYT/TRACES notifications

Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (**RASFF**) notifications related to ACP-EU horticultural value chains in which the Fit For Market programme has been active, have decreased from:



European Union Notification System for Plant Health Interceptions (**EUROPHYT**) / **TRACES** notifications have also decreased:



... Key partnerships under way

AFRICA

PAFO-COLEACP Innovation Series

6 sessions

Six online innovation sessions were organised in 2021, featuring 25 inspiring entrepreneurs and bringing together nearly 2,500 participants from 92 countries.



CARIBBEAN

IICA-COLEACP Caribbean Agrifood Business Series

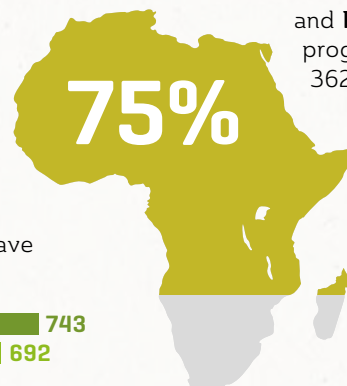
4 sessions

were held in 2021 at which 16 inspiring entrepreneurs presented their businesses to over 1,000 participants from more than 70 countries.

OECD-COLEACP Fruit and Vegetable Series

1st session

was held in 2021 on market trends attended by 220 participants, mainly from Europe and Africa.



Since the start of the **Fit ForMarket** and **Fit For Market SPS** programmes, more than 362 managers and inspectors have been trained from 40 ACP countries, covering about 75% of the countries in which COLEACP is active through the Fit For Market and Fit For Market SPS programmes.

An assessment of the sustainability of partner-beneficiary MSMEs...

2021 saw the completion of the updated Sustainability Assessment Tool (SAE 2.0). 57 second iteration assessments were completed during the period.

459

sustainability self-assessment exercises have also been carried out since 2016 with the partner-beneficiary MSMEs and farmer groups of the Fit For Market programme.



... And support for the assessment of competent authorities' SPS systems via the R-SAT tool



The **Rapid SPS Assessment Tool** (R-SAT) has been developed by COLEACP under the EU-OACPS, EDES and Fit For Market SPS programmes to assist competent authorities, in consultation with key public and private sector stakeholders, to assess the status and functioning of SPS systems. Bringing the public and private sectors together allows for the development of a national priority action plan based on a common strategic vision. The objective in each of the ACP countries involved is to develop a roadmap for strengthening national SPS systems and ensuring their alignment with international standards and regulations.

Fit For Market and Fit For Market SPS recognised for improving the livelihoods of ACP producers

At the request of the EU, the external mid-term evaluation of the Fit For Market and Fit For Market SPS programmes was conducted between September and November 2021. The main findings in the final report of the evaluation are very positive, including that more than

90% of the partner-beneficiaries interviewed during the evaluation stated that they had seen an improvement in the livelihoods of their employees/affiliated producers/suppliers since the start of the Fit For Market and Fit For Market SPS programmes.



€11 million audited by BDO LLP



ineligible for funding from relevant funding partners

End of 2021: engagement of two major new programmes in the continuity and expansion of our activities

AGRINFO (€7 million, EU funding):

a 5-year agricultural sector information programme providing sophisticated data and knowledge to developing and emerging countries, on EU policies; regulatory and non-regulatory measures; standards and market trends that have a potential impact on competitiveness; market access; and trade dynamics of agricultural value chains linked to the EU market.

Fit For Market+ (€25 million, EU and OEACP funding):

a programme designed and being implemented as a continuation of the Fit For Market/Fit For Market SPS programmes, and the results of the COLEACP Covid Action Plan implemented from March 2020. Fit For Market+ support is intended to contribute to the transition of ACP agriculture towards a more sustainable food and agricultural system, integrating the priority areas of action foreseen by the Farm to Fork strategy of the EU Green Pact.

46 new members joined the association



COLEACP was pleased to welcome 46 new members in 2021. As of 31 December, the association had 512 members, the vast majority of whom are based in Sub-Saharan Africa and are SMEs, professional associations and experts.

New sustainable and more flexible premises in Brussels



In a context where remote working has become commonplace, COLEACP Brussels joined a shared workspace in January which has allowed for greater flexibility and rationalisation of the daily management of its premises.

A consolidated local presence in Sub-Saharan Africa

3 new national relays joined the COLEACP team in 2021 (**Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Rwanda**).

At the same time, the teams in Kenya (NExT Kenya programme) and Benin have been strengthened. The team now has the support of 16 local relays.

