



EU AND THE KIMBERLEY PROCESS SUPPORTING PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE SUSTAINABLE USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Conflict diamonds have played a major role in funding some of the most devastating civil wars in Africa. The Kimberley Process is a coalition of governments, civil society and the diamond industry which is helping to eliminate the trade in

so-called conflict diamonds*. It regulates the international trade in rough diamonds, promoting the notion that natural resources belong to mining communities, not to militias.

Since the Kimberley Process was put in place, the identifiable trade in conflict diamonds has **DECLINED FROM 15% IN 2003 TO LESS THAN 1%**.

THE KIMBERLEY PROCESS: FACTS AND FIGURES

- ◆ UN mandated Certification Scheme launched in 2003;
- ◆ 59 participants with the EU as a single participant;
- ◆ **85 COUNTRIES** representing more than 99% of the global rough diamond production and trade;
- ◆ The Kimberley Process is based on three pillars: **GOVERNMENTS, INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SOCIETY**.

HOW THE KIMBERLEY PROCESS CERTIFICATION SCHEME WORKS

An international scheme that regulates the international trade in rough diamonds, imposing so-called 'minimum requirements' on participating states to enable shipments to be certified as 'conflict-free'.

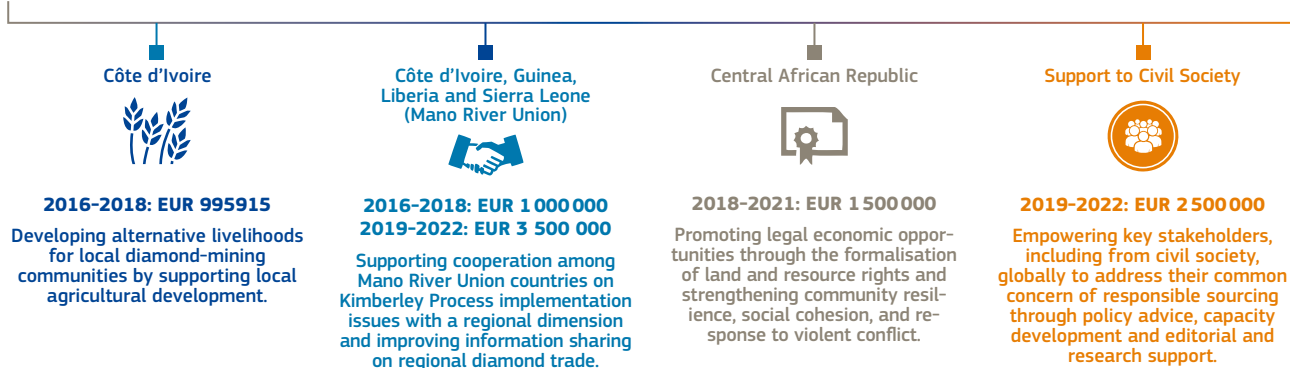
On 20 December 2002, the EU adopted Council Regulation (EC) No. 2368/2002 to set up a system of certification and import and export controls for rough diamonds, for the purpose of implementing the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme.



EU PROJECTS: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

In support of its work on the Kimberley Process, the EU is also funding several projects under the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace. The aim is to reinforce governance in the diamond sector and the development of alternative livelihoods.

- ◆ **Strengthening compliance with the Kimberley Process through institutional capacity-building.**
- ◆ **Ensuring that diamonds enter the legal supply chain and that benefits flow to diamond-mining communities.**
- ◆ **Supporting key stakeholders, practitioners in all sectors and civil society organisations.**



***CONFLICT DIAMONDS ARE DEFINED** in the Kimberley Process as "rough diamonds used by rebel movements or their allies to finance conflict aimed at undermining legitimate governments".

