



## Conservatory of Benin's textile and clothing cultural heritage

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REGIONAL HUB:	Western Africa
CULTURAL SECTOR(S):	Fashion, crafts, cultural heritage
BENEFICIARY (IES):	Association Culturelle Windekpe
COUNTRIES COVERED BY THE ACTION:	Benin
PROJECT DURATION:	03/2023-12/2023 (10 months)
BUDGET:	EUR 23 276 - EU FUNDING: EUR 16 293 (70%)
WEBSITE:	N/A

The '**Conservatory of Benin's textile and clothing cultural heritage**' project aims to establish a space dedicated to the preservation, training, promotion, and dissemination of Beninese identity fashion.

Within this framework, six young artisans, including two weavers, two tailors, and two accessory makers, have been selected and trained with the aim of ensuring the sustainability of traditional know-how and creating new economic opportunities in the craft sector.

The 'Kobourou Fashion Days' were organized and a museum room as well as an artisanal hall were set up. This central event highlights Beninese woven cloth and celebrates the textile and clothing art of Benin, thereby contributing to the recognition and valorization of these art forms at the national and international levels.

Finally, activities aimed at safeguarding and promoting the textile and clothing cultural heritage of Benin have underscored the importance of these elements in the national cultural identity. In this regard, a digital catalog documenting the Beninese textile clothing heritage has been created and distributed, thus facilitating its long-term preservation and promotion.

