

CHAPTER XVIII: RELATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND OTHER REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITIES

Article 79

The Community and Other Regional Economic Communities

1. In the context of realizing its regional objectives, the Community may enter into cooperation agreements with other regional Communities.
2. Such cooperation agreements entered into in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1 of this Article shall be subject to prior approval by the Council upon the proposal of the Executive Secretary.

CHAPTER XIX: RELATIONS BETWEEN THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT AND THE SPECIALISED INSTITUTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY

Article 80

The Executive Secretariat and the Specialised Institutions

1. The Community shall determine the global integration policies and strategies to be adopted and define the integration objectives and programmes of all the institutions of the Community.
2. The Executive Secretariat shall be responsible for harmonizing and coordinating all activities and programmes of the institutions of the Community within the context of regional integration.

Article 81

Relations Between the Community and Regional Non-Governmental Organizations

1. The Community with a view to mobilizing the human and material resources for the economic integration of the region, shall cooperate with regional non-governmental organizations and voluntary development organizations in order to encourage the involvement of the peoples of the region in the process of economic integration and mobilize their technical, material and financial support.
2. To this end, the Community shall set up mechanism for consultation with such organizations.

Article 82

Relations Between the Community and Regional Socio Economic Organizations and Associations

1. The Community with a view to mobilizing the various actors in socio economic life for the integration of the region, shall cooperate with socio economic organizations and associations, in particular, producers, transport operators, workers, employers, university teachers and administrators, journalists, youth, women, artisans and other professional organizations and associations with a view to ensuring their involvement in the integration process of the region.
2. To this end, the Community shall set up a mechanism for consultation with such socio economic organizations and associations.