

monitoring indicators, enhances management and analysis of data, and regularly publishes monitoring reports. This support aims at increasing the recognition of the ASEAN Integration Monitoring Office as a key actor to monitor the process and results of regional integration on behalf of the ASEAN Member States.

5. Sharing best practices

The Project will continuously refer to the best practices of the European Statistical System and other international standards, especially with regard to the European Statistics Code of Practice and the developments linked to the new Vision for the production of statistics.

Project Activities

EU-ASEAN COMPASS provides technical assistance and IT equipment. The overall budget amounts to € 7.5 million. Assistance for the ASEAN Secretariat and ASEAN Member States takes the form of technical assistance missions, advisory services, studies, study visits, seminars, workshops and working groups' activities. This is facilitated by a core team of three key experts:

A Team Leader;

An International Merchandise Trade Statistics Specialist – Deputy Team Leader; and
A Monitoring Specialist.

They will be supported by a team of short-term experts with extensive experience in project fields and the region.

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Enhancing ASEAN Regional Integration

With more than 625 million people and a GDP estimated at \$2.4 trillion in 2013, ASEAN is a dynamic economic region. ASEAN receives more foreign direct investment than China - and the EU is the No 1 investor. The EU is a top-trading partner for ASEAN, and the economic relationship between the ASEAN and the EU keeps strengthening consistently.

The ASEAN Charter of 2008, the Roadmap for an ASEAN Community 2009-2015, as well as the ASEAN Connectivity Master plan of 2010 augment significantly the ambition of ASEAN integration. Increasing capacity for implementing and monitoring these integration blueprints as well as statistical evidence to build integration policies is required to execute the vision of ASEAN leaders.

Building ASEAN statistical and monitoring capacities

Funded by the European Commission, the EU-ASEAN Statistical Capacity Building Project (COMPASS) is based on the central premise that ASEAN's internal integration as well as its integration into the global economy serve to accelerate economic development in the less developed countries in the region and to narrow the gap among its Member States.

Building on achievements of the EU-ASEAN Statistical Capacity Building Programme

(EASCAB, 2009-2013), COMPASS helps ASEAN integration through the availability and utilization of more timely, comparable and relevant information. COMPASS facilitates monitoring and decision-making, notably by ASEAN governments acting individually and at ASEAN level.

COMPASS Purposes

The project has two purposes:

- to support the development of the ASEAN Community Statistical System, in line with its Action Plan 2011-2015 and with those that follow;
- to build the capacity of the ASEAN Integration Monitoring Office to monitor the process and results of regional integration on behalf of the ASEAN Member States.

Project Strategy

The project strategy focuses on five key elements:

1. Institutional Strengthening

The project helps institutional building within the ASEAN Secretariat and National Statistical Institutes, including advocacy for reform to maximise sustainability. Development and strengthening of institutional frameworks shall lead to a better recognition of statistics and integration monitoring in the region.

2. Regional and national statistics

COMPASS focuses on core regional statistics and integration monitoring, with support at both regional and national level, and improves

coordination and communication among ASEAN Community Statistical System stakeholders.

Assistance covers both horizontal sectors (Institutional Building, Information Technology and Dissemination) and statistical important for ASEAN integration monitoring (International Merchandise Trade Statistics, Statistics of International Trade in Services, and Foreign Direct Investment Statistics).

3. Narrowing development gaps

Specific measures will aim at narrowing the development gaps among ASEAN Member States through:

- Additional specific technical cooperation;
- Access to high education statistics: long-term human resource development for staff from Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Viet Nam to access higher education curricula in statistics in other ASEAN Member States;
- ASEAN-Helps-ASEAN scheme: a facility to share good practices by secondment/exchanges of staff between the ASEAN Member States, and between ASEAN Secretariat and Member States.
- Support to the ASEAN Secretariat, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Vietnam with IT equipment.

4. Helping the ASEAN Integration Monitoring Office

Specific assistance to the ASEAN Integration Monitoring Office defines regional integration