# Economic Cooperation Support Program (AECSP) At A Glance



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## PROGRAM BREAKDOWN 2010 - 2017

### As of May 2017

ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area (AANZFTA) **Economic Cooperation Support Program (AECSP)** 

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Goods **Rules of Origin and Other** Sanitary & Phytosanitary Aspects of Implementation of **Intellectual Property** Services Investment Measures **Tariff Commitments** 2016 - The year the ASEAN 529/530 - Lines of  $\mathbf{2}$  - ASEAN Member States, namely 2 - ASEAN Member States 9 6 - comprehensive Investment Cambodia and Lao PDR, who AANZFTA product specific rules of using pest status information Qualifications Reference Framework Policy Reviews conducted for Cambodia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, met th successfully acceded to the Madrid origin agreed in effect of the transposition of Harmonised Codes Governance and Structure Document was endorsed by the ASEAN Labour, from the ASEAN Regional Bluep Protocol in 2015 and 2016, respectively with contributions from Diagnostic Network project in Myanmar, Philippines, and Viet Nam. compe from 2012 to 2017. protecting its key agricultural Education, and Economic Ministers. These reviews serve as effective tools for policy considerations on Decen AECSF the AECSP. exports from pests and in gaining new market access. climate investment issues inter-governmental stimulating agency and public-private dialogues. 6 - Languages that the AANZFTA 4 - ASEAN Member States have 4 - ASEAN Member States, namely 1 **3** - ASEAN agricultural Rules of Origin training modules have expressed interest in referencing their Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, and been translated into: Indonesian, Laotian, Thai, Vietnamese, Khmer and **2** - ASEAN Member States who had techni national qualification frameworks to Viet Nam, who received information products, namely fresh the ASEAN Qualifications Reference and fi technology training in 2016 to enhance salacca/salak fruit, drinking law. Mvanmar Framework their trademark registration systems used recommendations from OECD coconut, and dragon fruit, able to enter the New Zealand under the Madrid Protocol Investment Policy Reviews in market owing to assistance from the ASEAN Import Health reducing domestic restrictions on foreign investment and in eliminating Standards project. minimum capital requirements for 2 2 - ASEAN Member States using investors under a new draft **3** - ASEAN Member States where Investment Law. **5** - Intellectual Property Offices receiv the AANZFTA Rules of Origin training in e from ASEAN Member States participating in the Regional Patent pilot surveys on the compilation of modules in their respective in-house compe statistics on international trade in training programs for customs 6 - ASEAN Member States services were completed. AECSP Examination Training Program (e.g. officials. support provided sound methodological templates for countries' planning, development, and Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, who received microscopy Thailand, and Viet Nam). diagnostic equipment to their diagnostic bolster conduct of future full-scale surveys to 8 capacity for plant pests and diseases affecting trade. collect trade in services statistics. **400** - Number of frontline States **45** Austra - Total expected number of actors, end-users, and exporters in exchai patent examiners from ASEAN Member States who will graduate Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, relate **330** Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, - Number of Thailand, and Viet Nam who received from the Regional Patent Examination Training Program by June 2018. This training from government officials trained under the AANZFTA ROO officials from ASEAN Member PEOPLE REACHED States trained on diagnosing cohort will be competent in training of trainers activiy. pests and diseases belonging to conducting patent examinations based on Patent Cooperation Treaty 64 20 of the 30 priority groups identified by ASEAN National standards. Indon Plant Protection people reached in Organisations Viet invest capacity development **5** - The number of Regional Patent and outreach activities **1,000** - Number of Examination Training (RPET) graduates in an ASEAN Member State farmers reached by local seminars on biological control 80 since 2010 who are now training and mentoring new patent examiners. These RPET conducted by the Department compe graduates also developed training of Agriculture of an ASEAN law Member State. The seminars content and curriculum to inform their reache were based on knowledge institution's in-house training program Confe GENDER BREAKDOWN for newly hired patent examiners. obtained under the ASEAN Regional Diagnostic Network project. **Providing equal access** 2017 - An Ideal Patent 4 - ASEAN Member States Examination Training Curriculum was and opportunities for that have developed short-Men Vomen created as an open source electronic Learning Management System for term work plans on riskbased regulation based on (3.105) 3,032) storing training materials. This will men and women international sanitary and enable ASEAN Intellectual Property phytosanitary (SPS) standards Offices to conduct standard online and guidelines in dairy training and to create, store, and processing under the SPS update training materials. Regulatory Cooperation in Dairy project.

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## **KEY RESULTS 2010 - 2017**

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ASEAN Member States who have he ASEAN Economic Community rint target of having a national etition policy and law in place by her 2015, with support from P.	<b>150</b> - Estimated number of regional and in-country Economic Cooperation Work Program events provided with direct implementation support from 2013 to March 2017.
ASEAN Member State receiving cal advice from AECSP in drafting nalising its national competition	<b>23</b> - Total number of AANZFTA FTA Joint Committee and Ad Hoc Economic Cooperation Sub-Committee meetings supported and serviced from 2010 to March 2017.
ASEAN Member States who are ing technical advice from AECSP establishing their respective etition commissions. Officials from ASEAN Member that were seconded to either alia or New Zealand to learn and nge information on competition- d issues.	<b>310</b> - Estimated number of officials from Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Philippines, and Viet Nam who received rapid response training on the AANZFTA Rules of Origin, on Trade and Tariff Analysis, and on Transposition of AANZFTA Tariff Reduction Schedules from HS 2007 to 2012.
- Number of officials from esia, Malaysia, Philippines, and Nam who received cartel igation skills training in 2016.	outreach of AECSP through the AANZFTA website, media releases, and AECSP factsheets. Quarterly updates are also provided to the broader ASEAN Economic Department since early-2017. Established an integrated database sytem to effectively monitor utilization
• Number of people from etition agencies, the academe, firms, and the private sector ed by the ASEAN Competition rences from 2013 to 2017.	of Contributions and and evaluate implementation progress of each ECWP component against AECSP objectives. Faciliated technical assistance and evaluation for key AECSP flagship projects and on project design and implementation to Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, and the ASEAN Secretariat.
	AANZFTA Intellectual Property (IP) Expert contracted to support the work of the AANZFTA IP Committee on economic cooperation activities (2012 to 2015).
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Key Activities (August 2016 to August 2017)	
Rules of Origin and Other Aspects of Implementation of Tariff Commitments	<b>September 2016</b> : In-country training on transposition of AANZFTA tariff reduction schedules from Harmonised System (HS) Code 2012 to HS 2017 was conducted in Viet Nam.
	<b>August 2017:</b> In-country training on transposition of AANZFTA tariff reduction schedules from HS 2012 to HS 2017 and in-country seminar on data collection and processing on the utilisation of tariff preferences organised for Lao PDR and Myanmar.
Sanitary & Phytosanitary Measures	<b>August 2016:</b> Activities under the ASEAN Regional Diagnostic Network project were completed. Key activities in 2016 included pest diagnostic workshops across participating ASEAN Member States on identification of weed seeds, identification of families of pest diptera, and on DNA extraction and barcoding.
Standards, Technical Regulations and Conformity Assessment Procedures	<b>May 2017:</b> A workshop on good regulatory practice in the food and beverage products areas under the STRACAP Work Plan Implementation Program held in Auckland, New Zealand.
Customs	January 2017: In-country interviews were conducted with the private sector in Indonesia and Thailand for the review of AANZFTA non-tariff measures.
Services	<b>February 2017</b> : The ASEAN Qualifications Reference Framework (AQRF) Committee held its first meeting and technical workshop to discuss work plans and priorities for national qualification referencing process for the next two years.
	<b>July 2017</b> : The 2 <sup>nd</sup> AQRF Committee Meeting held in Manila, Philippines alongside a second technical workshop on quality assurance in the referencing process to AQRF and experience sharing on comparative analysis to Regional Qualifications Framework.
Investment	July 2017: Launching of the OECD Investment Policy Review for Lao PDR.
Intellectual Property	<b>September 2016</b> : Attachment training of trademark examiners from Cambodia and Myanmar to the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines was conducted to facilitate technical exchanges on Madrid Protocol Operations.
	<b>October to November 2016</b> : Information Technology training on Madrid Protocol operations were conducted for Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Viet Nam to enhance their trademark registration systems. An IP expert mission was also held in Myanmar to support the development of its trademark law.
Competition Policy and Law	<b>August 2016:</b> Cartel investigation skills training for Malaysia and Viet Nam were conducted under the Competition Law Implementation Program (CLIP) Phase II. A workshop on enforcement strategies and concepts was also conducted in Viet Nam to share international best practice in institutional design of a competition authority and competition law.
	<b>October 2016</b> : ASEAN competition officials were seconded to Australia and New Zealand to receive on-the-job experience and training at the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) and the New Zealand Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. Cartel investigation skills training were also provided to Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, and Viet Nam.
	<b>February 2017</b> : A regional workshop on competition economics in practice was held to explore how competition agencies could apply economic analysis in competition matters. ACCC also provided an expert to work with the Ministry of Industry and Commerce in Lao PDR on institutional considerations in establishing the Lao Competition Commission and Secretariat.
	<b>March 2017:</b> The 7th ASEAN Competition Conference "ASEAN@50 – Managing Change in a Competitive ASEAN" was held in Malaysia attended by participants from competition agencies, the academe, law firms, and the private sector. The conference discussed issues such as: emerging technologies; advocacy to micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises; and a regional cooperation framework on competition.
	<b>May 2017:</b> ACCC officers commenced short-term placements to work with Philippine Competition Commission officials on investigation and with the Ministry of Commerce and CamControl staff in Cambodia on the country's draft competition law and a project framework for drafting the explanatory note to accompany the law. An evidence and interview skills workshop was also held for competition officials from Indonesia and the Philippines.
	<b>June 2017</b> : A regional workshop on leniency programs under CLIP held in Auckland, New Zealand to promote greater understanding and sharing of experience across AANZFTA Parties, including guidance and recommended practices for designing and applying leniency programs. An investigation masterclass workshop was also held in Ho Chi Minh City for competition officials from Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, and Viet Nam.
	July 2017: Secondment of ASEAN competition officials to the ACCC. A module 1 investigation skills training was also scheduled for Thailand.
AANZFTA Support Unit	<b>February 2017</b> : A sub-regional capacity building workshop on project design and proposal development for Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, and the ASEAN Secretariat was held for representatives from the various AANZFTA Committees and Sub- Committees. The workshop provided participants with tools and guidance on key principles and best practices in project proposal development and project management.

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