



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Transport infrastructure in the ASEAN region is steadily developing with the construction of Singapore-Kunming Rail Link (SKRL) and ASEAN Highway Network (AHN). Transport infrastructure alone would not be sufficient to bring about free flow of goods, services and peoples between countries if non-tariff barriers and border impediments are not removed. To complement the developments and efforts in building physical connectivity through hard infrastructure, ASEAN is pursuing three land-based transport facilitation agreements and their protocols and three roadmaps for the integration of air and maritime transport and logistics services. The three ASEAN transport facilitation agreements are the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit (AFAFGIT), the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Multimodal Transport (AFAMT) and the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Inter-State Transport (AFAFIST). ASEAN Leaders adopted the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity in October 2010 which identified the “Operationalisation of the ASEAN Agreements on Transport Facilitation” as one of the 15 prioritised projects to bridge the connectivity gap within ASEAN.

MAIN OBJECTIVES, OUTPUTS AND ACTIVITIES

The main objective of this project is to achieve progress in removing barriers related to transport, including preparation for and implementation of the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit (AFAFGIT), the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Multimodal Transport (AFAMT) and the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Inter-State Transport (AFAFIST), and other relevant ASEAN transport agreements to facilitate movement of goods and passenger vehicles.

The prioritised project focuses in delivering related measures under the ASEAN Transit Transport Coordination Board (TTCB) Work Plan and Brunei Action Plan (BAP), which include the following outputs and activities:

PROJECT STATUS

Making preparations for the commencement of ARISE programme in Q3 of 2012

TARGET COMPLETION

DATE
2014-2015

IMPLEMENTING BODIES

TTCB, NTTCC of ASEAN Member States, Senior Transport Officials Meeting (STOM)/ ASEAN Transport Facilitation Working Group

MODALITY & SOURCE OF FUNDING

European Union (ASEAN Regional Integration Support from the EU, ARISE)

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AFAFGIT:

- At the regional level, assist ASEAN in finalising the institutional bases for AFAFGIT implementation, through the development of annual work plans, and annual reports;
- At national level, assist ASEAN Member States in finalising the institutional bases for implementation, including Terms of Reference (TOR), Membership and Frequency on National Transit Transport Coordinating Committees (NTTCC) meetings; NTTCCs overall and annual work plans at national level.

AFAFIST:

- At the regional and national levels, assist ASEAN in finalising the institutional bases for AFAFIST implementation and that such bases are consistent with those in the AFAFGIT;
- Assist ASEAN Member States and the ASEAN Secretariat to define Technical Assistance requirements (at regional and national levels) and related resources for AFAFIST implementation (for inclusion in national work plans);

AFAMT:

- Organise a series of workshops to support: (i) the development of a multi-annual work plan to activate the AFAMT including regional and national dimensions; and (ii) support the implementation of the work plan in particular in CLMV;
- Assist in transposing AFAMT at national level, especially in CLMV.

BENEFICIARIES

The private sector is expected to be beneficiaries of the full implementation of ASEAN transport facilitation agreements through the reduction of the economic distance to market.