

*This quarterly update covers the third quarter 2016 of implementation of the Technical Cooperation for the EU-ASEAN Capacity Building Project for Monitoring Integration Progress and Statistics (COMPASS). It aims to provide a brief overview of past and future activities of the project. The contents of this publication are the sole responsibility of Expertise France Consortium and can in no way be taken to reflect the views of the European Union.*

### **Summary of COMPASS activities implemented during 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2016**

#### Technical assistance missions:

- IMTS mission in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, 4-8 July 2016.
- IB mission in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, 4-15 July 2016.
- IMTS mission to Phnom Penh, Cambodia, 11-15 July 2016.
- ITD mission to Vientiane, Lao, 11-15 July 2016.
- ITD mission to ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 18 July-5 August 2016.
- ITD mission to ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 25 July-5 August 2016.
- PM mission, ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 25 July-9 September 2016.
- IB mission, ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 25 July-5 August 2016.
- ITD mission, ASEC, Luxembourg, 8 August-30 November 2016.
- IB mission, ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 9 August-2 September 2016.
- PM mission, ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 15 August-2 September 2016.
- IB mission, ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 15-30 September 2016.
- IM mission, ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 19-30 September 2016.
- FDIS mission, Yangon, Myanmar, 19 September-7 October 2016.
- ITD mission, ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 26-30 September 2016.
- IMTS mission, Putrajaya, Malaysia, 26-30 September 2016.

#### Workshops & Seminars

- WG on Data Sharing and Analysis Meeting, ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 22 August 2016.
- Regional Workshop on the implementation plan of the policies and guidelines on Data Sharing, Confidentiality, and dissemination of ASEAN Statistics, ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 23-24 August 2016.
- FDIS National training course on accounting for DICA, Yangon, 29 August – 2 September 2016.
- FDIS Regional workshop on dissemination of FDIS, Yangon, Myanmar, 29-30 September 2016.
- First workshop on AEC 2025 Monitoring and Evaluation ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 30 September 2016.



## EU-ASEAN COMPASS

### Project Management

#### 4th EU-ASEAN COMPASS Project Steering Committee (PSC).

The PSC meeting was held in Jakarta, on August, 24th, 2016. Representatives from the 10 ASEAN Member States' Statistical Offices, ASEAN Secretariat, EU Delegation, and COMPASS team participated in the event. The meeting aimed at discussing progress and issues concerning the implementation of the 2nd Annual Work Programme (AWP2) of the COMPASS Project for 2016.

The members of the PSC reviewed the first six months of the AWP2, and discussed the activities planned for the second semester 2016 as well as implementation issues of the project. The meeting enabled participants to agree on the activities scheduled for the 2nd semester 2016 and to approve changes to AWP2, considering emerging requests for support by beneficiary institutions. The very active participation of the PSC members also helped to identify new mechanisms and solutions to continue improving the coordination of COMPASS activities.



During the meeting, PSC members stressed out the efforts done by the technical assistance team of the project to achieve project's objectives, and more especially the former Team Leader, Mr Romesh Paul. The new team leader who will take over, Mr. Yannick Bineau, was also introduced and warmly welcomed by participants. Mr. Bineau started his assignment on the 6th of September 2016.

### International Merchandise Trade Statistics

#### ***Study Visit to Department of Statistics Malaysia and to Royal Malaysian Customs Department for CLMV Countries, Putrajaya, 27-29 September 2016.***

A Study Visit on IMTS has been hosted by DOS Malaysia (DOSM) and Royal Malaysian Customs Department (RMCD) with the support of COMPASS. Mr. Henri Tyrman, COMPASS Key Expert, and participants were Customs and National Statistical Officers from CLMV Countries and representatives of ASEANStats. The Study Visit has allowed participants to learn from an advanced ASEAN Member State about IMTS data sources and classifications used, data validation and dissemination process, data quality assessment, additional data computation related to IMTS, including seasonal adjustment, calculation of trade indices, CIF/FOB adjustments, etc. Links between IMTS and Balance of Payments and National Accounts were also discussed.



The study visit appreciated the great interest from the participants and appreciated the high involvement of the staff from DOSM and RMCD, as well as the active participation of CLMV and ASEANstats representatives.

### **Institutional Building**

#### ***Regional workshop, ASEC, Jakarta, 23-24 August 2016.***

The regional workshop of ASEAN Member States, facilitated by Mr. Maarten Boon, COMPASS Expert, was held on 23 and 24 August 2016 in the ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta, and discussed the implementation plan of the policies and guidelines on data sharing, confidentiality, and dissemination of ASEAN statistics.



Participants shared with each other the implementation practices within their respective countries concerning issues on data exchanges between governmental organizations, non-disclosure of individual outcomes, corrections on published statistics, pricing of publications, and submission of regional outcomes to international organizations. The participants formulated a comprehensive set of jointly agreed recommendations, applicable at the national and regional level, for the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS), to be submitted for discussion and endorsement by the ACSS Committee in November 2016.



### **Integration Monitoring**

#### ***Feasibility study towards the development of a consolidated integration statistical indicators database, ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 19-30 September 2016.***

The objective of the activity is to make concrete recommendations on the steps toward the development of the database-supported and consolidated system of statistical data and indicators for the use of AIMD in its integration monitoring work. Manuel da Silva, COMPASS expert, undertook different actions to address the objective. First, stock take existing statistical database systems (including list of indicators, availability and frequency) currently in place in the ASEANstats and other relevant Divisions in ASEC; second, map out data, including list of indicators, availability and frequency, from third party/external sources. Lastly, provide technical specifications for the development of a database of statistical indicators within ASEC, including both back-end requirements and front-end interfaces.

#### ***Workshop on AEC 2025 Monitoring and Evaluation, ASEC, Jakarta, 30 September 2016.***

The first workshop on AEC 2025 Monitoring and Evaluation was organised in ASEC and was attended by a50-60 staff members from the ASEAN Secretariat to present and discuss the AEC 2025 Monitoring and Evaluation Framework, to familiarise the ASEAN Secretariat staff with key M&E concepts, to discuss next steps on integration monitoring and coordination within the ASEAN Secretariat and with other stakeholders.

### **Information Technology and Dissemination (ITD)**

The ITD Lead Expert, Philippe Corman, visited Vientiane to support Lao Statistics Bureau. The ITD expert adapted the IMTS processing system for the inclusion/exclusion of duplicated record and to add the new variables provided by Customs; assisted LSB in the production of IMTS statistics and data transmission to the ASEAN Secretariat.

Another mission was organised by ITD expert in ASEAN Secretariat in September, 26-30, 2016 to enhance the integrated database.

### **Foreign Direct Investment Statistics**

#### ***Regional workshop on dissemination of FDIS, Yangon, 29-30 September 2016.***

Participants from the Member States, ASEAN Secretariat and the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration of Myanmar attended the workshop held in Yangon, led by Ms. Christine Spanneut, FDIS COMPASS expert. Major regional and international actors on FDI such as, ADB, IMF, OECD and UNCTAD were invited to the workshop to serve as resource persons and to provide guidance on the various uses of FDIS based on these international organisations' experiences. The workshop also aimed to facilitate interaction and strong coordination between users and compilers of FDIS. Meanwhile, representatives from the ASEAN Secretariat underlined the regional data requirements and improvements needed in terms of coverage, details, reliability, timeliness of data of the national data.

## Upcoming Activities for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2016

### Technical assistance missions:

- ITD mission, Yangon, Myanmar, 3-5 October 2016.
- IB mission, ASEC, Jakarta, 3-21 October 2016.
- IMTS mission, ASEC, Jakarta, 3-7 October 2016.
- IB mission, Vientiane, 22 October – 5 November 2016.
- FDIS mission, ASEC, Jakarta, 10-20 October 2016.
- IMTS mission, Hanoi, Vietnam, 10-14 October 2016.
- IMTS mission, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, 17-28 October 2016.
- IM mission, ASEC, Jakarta, 24 October – 4 November 2016.
- IB mission, ASEC, Jakarta, 14 November – 16 November 2016.
- FDIS mission, Vientiane, Lao, 28 November – 1 December 2016.
- SITS mission, Vientiane, Lao, 14-18 November 2016.
- SITS mission, Hanoi, Vietnam, 21-25 November 2016.
- OF mission, ASEC, Jakarta, 21 November – 2 December 2016.
- SITS mission, ASEC, Jakarta, 28 November – 1 December 2016.
- IB mission, ASEC, Jakarta, 28 November – 16 December 2016.
- ITD mission, ASEC, Jakarta, 5-16 December 2016.
- PM missions on SITS, IMTS, FDIS, and ITD, ASEC, Jakarta, 5-9 December 2016.
- SITS mission, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, 12-21 December 2016.
- IMTS mission, 12-16 December 2016.
- SITS mission, Jakarta, Indonesia, 19-21 December 2016.

### Workshops & Seminars

- National Statistics Convention, Manila, Philippines, 3-4 October 2016.
- Regional Workshop on IMTS, Hanoi, Vietnam, 11-12 October 2016.
- Workshop of CLMV Member States on FDIS, Jakarta, Indonesia, 19-20 October 2016.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop on AEC 2025 Monitoring and Evaluation, 29 November 2016
- Workshop on Advanced MS Excel and MS Access, 13-16 December 2016

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