

This eleventh quarterly update covers the third quarter of 2017 of the implementation of the EU-ASEAN Capacity Building Project for Monitoring Integration Progress and Statistics (COMPASS) Project. It aims to provide a brief presentation on the past activities of the project.

#### **International Merchandises Trade Statistics (IMTS)**

##### **Lao PDR, 31 July – 4 August 2017, National Workshop on IMTS**

The IMTS expert led a technical assistance mission to conduct a workshop with the participation of IMTS main stakeholders (Lao Statistical Bureau, Customs Authority, Bank of Lao, Ministry of Commerce and Industry) on IMTS related issues, dealing with the scope of IMTS data based on Customs Procedures, providing recommendations from the IMTS 2010 concepts and definitions (trade system, rules for valuation, time of recording, partner country allocation). Specific issues linked to the transition from IMTS to BOP and National Accounts: CIF/FOB adjustment, trade without change of ownership (processing, trade between related enterprises), merchanting, etc. were discussed as well as data quality issues, including reasons for mirror asymmetries.

##### **ASEANStats, Jakarta, Indonesia, 19-20 September 2017, IMTS Workshop and IMTS Working Group Meeting**

IMTS Key Expert and IMTS SSTE led regional workshop. The main objectives were to summarize COMPASS activities carried out in the IMTS sector during the third Annual Work Plan, to hear from AMS about remaining gaps, work plan and need for support by COMPASS to be integrated in the next work plan and to discuss on specific issues about IMTS data in particular: production of trade indices based on Customs data, seasonal adjustment on monthly time series, and main results of mirror analysis carried out on intra and extra-ASEAN trade.

#### **Services International Trade Statistics (SITS)**

##### **Bali, Indonesia, 5-8 September 2017, SITS Workshop and Working Group Meeting**

The fourth regional SITS Workshop was undertaken with the support of the COMPASS project and held back to back with the annual ASEAN SITS Working Group. In advance of the meetings, the experts worked with ASEANstats to draft and agree the agendas for both meetings, to develop data submission templates for the travel asymmetries workshop, and to draft papers, presentations, and workshop materials for both the SITS Workshop and Working Group.



Both experts acted as facilitators for the two meetings. The Workshop focused on two key aspects of partner country data. Intra-ASEAN asymmetries derived as the sum of reported intra-ASEAN data by AMS, together with ASEAN Secretariat estimates of missing data and bilateral travel asymmetries.

**ASEANStats, Indonesia, 11 - 15 September 2017, Technical Assistance to adapt the self-assessment questionnaire to SITS**

This mission aimed at developing a proposal for a self-assessment questionnaire adapted to the area of SITS pertaining to the section A of the Code of Practice, and identifying priorities in the assessment measures already proposed in the self-assessment questionnaire pertaining to the sections B and C of the ACSS Code of Practice. The final objective was that, at the end of the process, a self-assessment questionnaire covering all three sections of the ACSS Code of Practice and adapted to the SITS area becomes a key SITS quality monitoring tool managed by ASEANstats.

**Institutional Building (IB)****ASEAN Secretariat (Jakarta), 11-25 July 2017, Technical Assistance mission on Infographics**

The objective was to produce infographics and other data visualisation materials for the derivative products (leaflets, posters, standing banners, video or other data visualisation techniques) based on the ASEAN@50 master outreach statistical publication. These visualised materials will be used to communicate the overall message of ASEAN progress and evaluation, based on themes under the guidance of the AIMD. Collectively and individually, the derivative materials should be able to showcase ASEAN progress and evolution in various areas of concern of the ASEAN Community, with user-friendly narrative infographics in the form of leaflets, standing banner, video or other data visualisation techniques.

**Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, 11-15 September 2017, Technical Assistance on cascading pilot in Philippines and Myanmar.**

During this period, COMPASS Team Leader and IB Lead Expert discussed the continuation of support to the cascading pilot in the Philippines and in Myanmar; to support the CSO, Myanmar in the implementation of the NSDS. The CSO Myanmar will need assistance in the alignment/ coherence/ consistency between the ACSS Strategic Plan 2016-2025 and the NSDS of Myanmar including the Roadmap.

**Information Technology and Dissemination (ITD)****ASEAN Secretariat (Jakarta), 15 – 28 July and 2017 and 25 – 29 September 2017, Technical Assistance mission on Eurotrace**

The objective of the technical assistance mission was to consolidate and improve capacity to compile, harmonize, and consolidate data transmission system between AMS and ASEC. The mission also enabled to consolidate the ASEANstats production system for enhanced and integrated database. The targeted results of the mission were related to support to ASEANstats for the production and dissemination with the aim to configure the Eurotrace with the appropriate algorithm to update the historical data, to run further data quality analysis and check new received data, to define the correlation table between AHTN2017 and SITC4, to follow up/monitor the testing on SQLServer performed by the junior expert, and to follow up and preparatory work for the next activities including enhancement of ASEANstats web site activities.

**Foreign Direct Investment on Statistics (FDIS)****ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, and Cebu, Philippines, 7 – 19 August 2017, Technical Assistance Mission for subregional workshop, COMPASS Workshop and Working group.**

The objective of this mission was to prepare, with ASEANstats, the three activities planned the second week after in the city of Cebu, (Philippines). The SSTE ran a sub-regional workshop on FDIS issues regarding the mining and quarrying sector, coordinated a FDIS regional workshop issues regarding the implementation of IMF BPM6 and OECD BMD4 and participated to the 31<sup>st</sup> meeting of the WGIIS. The expert was also asked to review the implementation of the AWP3 with ASEANstats.

#### **Other Fields (OF)**

#### **ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 26 – 27 September 2017, Technical Assistance Mission for Workshop on ASEAN SNA back to back with 1st Meeting of WGSNA for sub-regional workshop**

With support from the EU-ASEAN COMPASS, the Third Regional Workshop on the ASEAN's 2008 System of National Accounts Implementation Roadmap, 2018-2025 was held in Jakarta, back-to-back with the First Meeting of the Working Group on the ASEAN System of National Accounts (WGSNA). The expert facilitated the presentations and discussion of the 2008 SNA Implementation Roadmap for the ASEAN during the Workshop.



The main objective was to discuss the development of strategic directions, roadmap and major programs that need to be undertaken to accelerate the 2008 SNA implementation in AMS. The main deliverable was a draft ASEAN SNA 2008 Implementation Roadmap/Work Plan 2018-2025 for discussion during the WGSNA1 and possible endorsement to the 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ACSSC7 in the Philippines.

#### **Project Management (PM)**

#### **ASEAN Secretariat (Jakarta), 24 - 28 July 2017, Technical Assistance mission on Marketing and Communication of Data**

The objective of the activity was to draft a detailed marketing and communication strategy with the aim at providing support to the development of the communication and visibility for ASEAN Statistics in areas supported by COMPASS; identifying major strengths of the existing communication facilities with the ASEAN statistics services and potential levers to broaden the audience and raise awareness among statistics end-users in ASEAN; and building an action plan comprising communication activity, including a budget and schedule for the remaining duration of the COMPASS project. Following the mission, several outputs were proposed for EU-ASEAN COMPASS stakeholders' approval, detailing specific target groups, customised key messages, communication tools and activities, indicative budget, and long-term schedule for implementation.

#### **ASEAN Secretariat (Jakarta), 12 – 19 August 2017, Technical Assistance mission on Project Planning and Monitoring**

During the COMPASS Mid-Term Evaluation completed in February 2017, it was pointed out that the project monitoring mainly focused on activity outputs and resources utilization. It is therefore necessary to develop process and tools to measure objectively the performance of the program and to improve monitoring and evaluation of the project in terms of outcomes and impacts in line with its objectives. Then, the Short-Term Expert mission aims to develop monitoring of results and outcomes indicators and to follow-up those indicators.



This included to revise logical framework, to develop a final list of SMART indicators necessary to follow-up the project's results, to finalise M&E System enabling to monitor the selected indicators and to write a user's manual for the M&E system including technical recommendations for populating the system, reporting and dissemination of results.

**Cebu, 22 August 2017, 5<sup>th</sup> Project Steering Committee, Philippines.**

The 22<sup>nd</sup>, August 2017, the 5<sup>th</sup> Project Steering Committee was organized in Cebu. The Team Leader as well as representatives of Expertise France and of European Union Delegation in ASEAN attend it. During the 5<sup>th</sup> PSC, a presentation of all implemented activities during the first semester of 2017 was made. A discussion was opened following the presentation, by the team Leader. Total of 640 expertise days for the first semester 2017 were implemented, which is quite encouraging. The implementation rate in comparison to what was planned under AWP3 is significant, as 33.8 of planned expertise days and 15.6% of budgeted incidentals were used.

**Summary of COMPASS activities implemented during 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2017****Technical assistance missions**

- IB technical assistance to ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 3 – 7 July.
- IB technical assistance to ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 4 – 15 July.
- IM technical assistance to ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 10 – 30 July.
- ITD technical assistance to ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 17 July – 5 August.
- IMTS technical assistance to ASEC, Jakarta, 24 – 28 July.
- PM mission on Communication and Visibility, ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 24 – 28 July.
- IMTS technical assistance to Jakarta, Indonesia, 24 – 28 July.
- IMTS technical assistance to Vientiane, Lao PDR, 31 July – 4 August.
- FDIS technical assistance to ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 8 - 11 August.
- ITD technical assistance to ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 15 - 19 August.
- PM mission on Monitoring and Evaluation, ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 14 – 18 August.
- PM mission, PSC, Manila, Philippines, 22 August.
- PM mission by Compass Team Leader, Nay Pyi Daw, Myanmar, 10 – 14 September.
- IMTS technical assistance to Jakarta, Indonesia, 18 – 22 September.
- IB technical assistance, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, 11 – 15 September.
- IB technical assistance, ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 18 - 25 September.
- IB technical assistance, ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 21 September – 20 October.
- SITS technical assistance, Bali, Indonesia, 5 September.
- SITS technical assistance, ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 11 – 15 September.
- IMTS technical assistance to ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 18 – 22 September.
- IM technical assistance to ASEC, Jakarta, 21-25 August.

**Workshops & Seminars**

- Regional Workshop on FDIS, Manilla, Philippines, 14 -16 August.
- Regional Workshop on SITS, Bali, Indonesia, 6-8 September.
- Regional Workshop on IMTS, Jakarta, 19 - 20 September.
- Regional Workshop on ASEAN SNA on roadmap 2008, Jakarta, Indonesia, 26-29 September.

### **What's next for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2017.**

#### **Technical assistance missions:**

- ITD technical mission, ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 1 – 10 October.
- OF technical mission, Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Myanmar, 9 – 13 October.
- IB mission, ACSS, Manila, Philippines, 12 – 13 October.
- PM mission, ACSS, Manila, Philippines, 12 – 13 October.
- IM technical mission, ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 16-18 October.
- OF technical mission, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, 18 – 24 October.
- IB technical mission, ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 23 – 31 October.
- IMTS technical mission, Putrajaya, Malaysia, 23 October – 27 October
- IMTS technical mission, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, 30 October – 3 November.
- PM technical mission, Bangkok, Thailand, 6 November – 8 November.
- IMTS technical mission, Bangkok, Thailand, 6 November – 8 November.
- FDIS technical assistance to Vientiane, Lao PDR, 21 – 24 November.
- IB technical mission, ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 1 – 31 December.
- SITS mission, CLMV study visit, Bank of Thailand, 13 – 14 December.

#### **Workshops & Seminars**

- High Level Forum, back to back with ACSSC7 in Manilla, Philippines, 12 October.
- National Workshop on SITS, Jakarta, Indonesia, 17 – 19 October.
- Regional Workshop on FDIS, Siem-Reap, Cambodia, 17 – 9 October.
- National Workshop on IMTS, Hanoi, Vietnam, 25 – 27 October.

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