



THAILAND-EUROPEAN UNION
Policy Dialogues Support Facility

Thailand-EU Policy Dialogue Support Facility – Overall Work Plan

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Structure of the Overall Work Plan

Levels:

1. Strategic Area
 2. Target Result
 3. Tentative Activities (broad activities)
 4. Actions – specific intervention, policy dialogues (for example conferences, workshop, etc.)

Four strategic areas:

- **Strategic area 1:** Trade and investment
- **Strategic area 2:** Higher education, science and technology
- **Strategic area 3:** Environment, climate change, energy and natural resources sustainable development
- **Strategic area 4:** Good governance

Trade and Investment

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Target Result	Tentative Activities
Expertise and knowledge sharing provided in areas supporting trade in goods and services and rules and regulations governing EU-Thailand relations	1. Support deepening of bilateral trade relations, including EU-Thai FTA
	2. Support to address non-tariff measures (SPS, TBT, product standards)
	3. Support strengthening trade facilitation
	4. Support development of the creative economy

Target Result	Tentative Activities	Anticipated Actions	Key RTG in charge
Expertise and knowledge sharing provided in areas supporting trade in goods and services and rules and regulations governing EU-Thai relations	Support deepening of bilateral trade relations, including EU-Thai FTA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Series of actions to support knowledge sharing on legal framework, standards and requirements impacting FTAs and their implementation • Actions to support Thailand to mitigate potential impacts from changes in EU rules, legislation and regulations affecting FTA negotiations • Actions to support the Thai government and industry to cope with FTAs • Actions addressing issues related to IPR • Actions addressing issues related to public procurement • Actions supporting development of a coherent, effective international trade strategy through trade policies that maximize the benefits of regional, bilateral and other international existing and future trade agreements including the Thai-EU FTA • Urgent actions to address unforeseen changes in and lack of capacity to cope with regulatory environment impacting bilateral trade relations 	MOC (DTN, DIP, DFT), MFA (DIE) - various other ministries, including but not limited to MOF (CDG, SEPO), MOI (TISI, OIE), MOAC (ACFS, DLD, DOF, DOA), MICT and NBTC

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Expertise and knowledge sharing provided in areas supporting trade in goods and services and rules and regulations governing EU-Thailand relations (cont.)	Support to address non-tariff measures (SPS, TBT, product standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions supporting the strengthening of certification systems in Thailand • Actions supporting development of harmonized product safety standards in conformity with internationally accepted standards, including those of the EU • Actions supporting standard authorities in product risk assessments for determining consumer safety • Actions supporting acceptance of manufacturers' self-certification and use of third party test results • Actions supporting implementation of internationally accepted conformity assessment processes • Actions to support standards authorities, accreditation boards and relevant private sector intermediaries to provide support services to assist the private sector to comply with international standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures • Actions supporting adoption and implementation of internationally accepted SPS standards and procedures. 	<p>TBT: MOI – TISI</p> <p>SPS: MOAC (ACFS, DLD, DOF, DOA) and FDA</p>

Target Result	Tentative Activities	Anticipated Actions	Key RTG in charge
Expertise and knowledge sharing provided in areas supporting trade in goods and service to EU and regional markets (Cont.)	Support strengthening trade facilitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions supporting the simplification and harmonization of procedures and documentation requirements related to EU-Thailand bilateral trade • Actions supporting standardization of procedures • Actions to support implementation of international standards on supply chain security through modern customs mechanism and control based on risk analyses. • Actions to support development of codes of conduct supporting improved trade facilitation • Actions to support simplification of customs clearance process to produce faster clearance and lower costs for the compliant/registered members of the business community • Actions supporting border controls 	MOF – Customs MOC - DFT

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Expertise and knowledge sharing provided in areas supporting trade in goods and service to EU and regional markets (Cont.)	Support development of the creative economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions to support knowledge sharing on creative business and the cluster development approach • Actions to support registration, protection and commercialization of intellectual property • Actions to support capacity development • Actions to support development of an enabling environment including regulatory and policy environment • Actions to support strategic alignment with selected critical international agreements and conventions 	MOC – DIP MOC/ DIP, MoST

Higher Education, Science and Technology

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Target Result	Tentative Activities
Expertise, knowledge sharing and exchange activities provided to improve higher education, science and technology	1. Internationalisation of Higher Education
	2. Strengthen university management
	3. Strengthen human resource development
	4. Support S&T and innovation

Target Result	Tentative Activities	Anticipated Actions	Key RTG in charge
Expertise, knowledge sharing and exchange activities provided to improve higher education, science and technology	Internationalisation of Higher Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions to enhance mobility schemes in higher education • Actions to support credit transfer systems and compliance • Concerted actions to enhance quality and quality assurance systems (national, but with ASEAN regional perspective) • Actions to support the Tuning of education structures 	

Target Result	Tentative Activities	Anticipated Actions	Key RTG in charge
Expertise, knowledge sharing and exchange activities provided to improve higher education, science and technology (Cont.)	Strengthen university management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions to support capacity building in university governance • Actions to support internationalisation and development strategy • Actions to support exchange and twinning 	Bureau of International Cooperation Strategy/Bureau of Standards and Evaluation, Office of the Higher Education Commission; Ministry of Education; Knowledge Management Institute of Thailand

Target Result	Tentative Activities	Anticipated Actions	Key RTG in charge
Expertise, knowledge sharing and exchange activities provided to improve higher education, science and technology (Cont.)	Strengthen human resource development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions to improve standards and non-physical structures of education, professional competencies and qualification frameworks (emphasis of national, regional and international perspectives) • Discipline bench-marks and subject development plans supported • Actions to enhance knowledge acquisition, innovation and creativity (nationally and in AEC regional perspective) • Enhancement of PPP and corporate education supported • Actions to support enhancing accreditation in research and professional skills 	Bureau of Standards and Evaluation; BICS

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Expertise, knowledge sharing and exchange activities provided to improve higher education, science and technology (Cont.)	Support S&T and innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stimulate multi-stakeholders, think-tanks and civil society engagement • Enhance exchanges between HE and S&T institutions and development agencies with attention to strategic priorities and innovation • Actions for sharing best practices in S & T • Actions to promote of research-business linkages and commercialisation • Actions to support mobility schemes for researchers • Actions to support strengthening S & T dialogue with EU for researchers and research institutions 	National Science and technology Development Agency; National Science Technology and Innovation Policy Office; MoST

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Target Result	Tentative Activities
Partnerships strengthened and expertise, best practices and knowledge sharing provided in areas supporting environmental control initiatives	1. Support sustainable production, consumption and trade
	2. Support the transition to low-carbon economy and climate change mitigation and adaptation
	3. Support Thailand's involvement in Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs)

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Partnerships strengthened and expertise, best practices and knowledge sharing provided in areas supporting environmental control initiatives	Support sustainable production, consumption and trade	<p>Support to industry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions to support policy and system improvement for the harmonisation of standards • Actions to support implementation of green industrial mark, including eco-labelling, LCA, clean technology, and carbon certification • Support strategies for awareness raising among consumers • Support the private sector and local government in the adoption of SCP measures • Actions supporting the strengthening the regulation of transport of export of hazardous waste/materials <p>Support for ecosystem services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions to support understanding of policy and governance bottlenecks and markets 	<p>DIW, Min. of Industry DEQP, MONRE PCD, MONRE</p> <p>DNP, MONRE</p>

Target Result	Tentative Activities	Anticipated Actions	Key RTG in charge
Partnerships strengthened and expertise, best practices and knowledge sharing provided in areas supporting environmental control initiatives (Cont.)	Support the transition to low-carbon economy and climate change mitigation and adaptation	<p>Support climate change mainstreaming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions to support experiences sharing and know-how on climate change mainstreaming • Actions to support strengthening of inter-sectoral coordination and the capacity of line agencies to achieve climate change adaptation and mitigation goals <p>Strengthening know how and technology transfer in the energy sector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions to support R& D and institutionalisation of Thailand's capacity in renewable energy • Support enabling policy incentives for energy efficiency improvement • Action to promote SMART Grid <p>Support climate change adaptation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions to support policy improvement and exchange of experiences in the establishment of a conducive framework for adaptation plans in key sectors 	<p>OCCC, ONEP, MONRE</p> <p>DEDE, Min. of Energy</p> <p>ONEP, MONRE</p>

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Partnerships strengthened and expertise, best practices and knowledge sharing provided in areas supporting environmental control initiatives (Cont.)	Support Thailand's involvement in Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs)	<p>Support the engagement of Thailand with the multilateral climate change negotiations and processes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions to support strengthening systems in the engagement with the Copenhagen accord and possible future post-Kyoto scenarios • Actions to support planning and development of NAMAs, MRV • Actions to promote better understanding of the EU Emission Trading Scheme (ETS) 	ONEP, MONRE TGO DCA, Min. of Transportation
		<p>Support FLEGT VPA negotiation and Implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action to promote better understanding on FLEGT • Support policy enhancement in the VPA implementation 	RFD, MONRE
		<p>Support emerging MEAs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions to promote better understanding • Actions to strengthen support systems • Actions to support experience sharing and know-how 	

Good Governance

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Target Result	Tentative Activities
Expertise, best practices and knowledge sharing provided in areas addressing social development	1. Support initiatives to address regional disparities, inequity, migration as well as to promote democracy, human rights and the rule of law.

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Expertise, best practices and knowledge sharing provided in areas addressing social development	Support initiatives to address regional disparities, inequity, migration as well as to promote democracy, human rights and the rule of law.	<p>Support strengthening of education and health service delivery through public and private sectors to reach underserved regions and population groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions supporting equitable access to public services across regions within Thailand and between population groups, including migrants and minorities 	Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, Ministry Interior Ministry Education Ministry Health

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Expertise, best practices and knowledge sharing provided in areas addressing social development (Cont)	Support initiatives to address regional disparities, inequity, migration as well as to promote democracy, human rights and the rule of law.	<p>Support the capacity building of state and non-state actors in the areas of migrant workers, anti-human trafficking, freedom of expression, death penalty abolition, civil society networking, and human rights defenders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of the EU member states' best practices and ODA that are applicable for Thailand and present the findings to the Thai counterparts. • Actions to enhance professional networks among civil society organisations and to promote their links and cooperation with national, regional and international institutions. • Actions to support management of migrants and refugees • Actions to strengthen the capacity of NSA including in advocacy campaigns and human rights promotion. • Actions to support the development and implementation of the Thai government's policies on human rights. 	<p>Ministry of Justice</p> <p>Ministry of Social Development and Human Security</p> <p>Office of the Attorney General</p> <p>National Human Rights Commission</p> <p>National Security Council</p>

Thank you for your attention

