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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ABAC ASEAN Business Advisory Council

ACCSQ ASEAN Consultative Committee on Standards and Quality

ACCC ASEAN Connectivity Coordinating Committee
ACCP ASEAN Committee on Consumer Protection

ACD ASEAN Cosmetic Directive

AC-SPS ASEAN Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

ACSS ASEAN Community Statistical System
ACTD ASEAN Common Technical Dossier

ACTR ASEAN Common Technical Requirements

ACTS ASEAN Customs Transit System

ACTS-IP ACTS Information Portal management

AEC ASEAN Economic Community

AECB ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint
AEGFS ASEAN Expert Group on Food Safety
AEO Authorised Economic Operators

AFAFGIT ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit

AFAFIST ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Inter-State Transport

AFAMT ASEAN Framework Agreement on Multimodal Transport

AFFA ASEAN Federation of Forwarders Associations

AFTA ASEAN Free Trade Area

AHEEERR ASEAN Harmonised Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulatory Regime

AGVCBP ASEAN Goods Vehicle Cross Border Permit

AMS ASEAN Member State

API Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient(s)

APLAC Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation
ARAC ASEAN Risk Assessment Centre for Food Safety
ARASFF ASEAN Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed
ARISE ASEAN Regional Integration Support by the EU

ASEAN Association of South East Asian Nations

ASEAN-CBTP ASEAN agreement on the Facilitation of the Cross-Border Transport of

Passengers by Road Vehicle

ASEC ASEAN Secretariat

ASI-CT ASEAN Statistical Indicators-Consolidated Template

ASOA ASEAN Standard for Organic Agriculture

ASPSC ACCSQ's 2016-2025 Strategic Plan for Standards and Conformance

ASSIST ASEAN Solutions for Services, Investment and Trade
ATFJCC ASEAN Trade Facilitation Joint Consultative Committee

ATFW ASEAN Trade Facilitation Work Plans

ATT Authorised Transit Trader

ASW-SC ASEAN Single Window Steering Committee

ATIGA ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement

ATR ASEAN Trade Repository

AWP Annual Work Plan BE Bio-equivalence BFSDAS Broad Framework for the Sustainable Development of ASEAN Statistics
CCA ASEAN Coordinating Committee on the Implementation of ATIGA

CCI ASEAN Coordinating Committee on Investment
CCBWG Customs Capacity Building Working Group
CCC ASEAN Customs Coordinating Committee
CCS ASEAN Coordinating Committee on Services

CECWG Customs Enforcement and Compliance Working Group

CEN-CENELEC European Committee on Standardization – European Committee for

**Electrotechnical Standardisation** 

CIFOCOss Chronic Individual Food Consumption Database – summary statistics

CLMV Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Viet Nam
COB Council of ASEAN Insurance Bureaux
COST Committee on Science and Technology

CPTFWG Customs Procedures and Trade Facilitation Working Group

DSG Deputy Secretary General

DG-DEVCO Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development

EC European Commission

EDSM Enhanced Dispute Settlement Mechanism

EEE Electrical and Electronic Equipment

EU European Union

EUABC EU-ASEAN Business Council FA Financing Agreement

FAO Food and Agriculture Organization

GIFT Global Individual Food Consumption Data Tool

GMP Good Manufacturing Practice

ICH International Council for Harmonization

IGDRP International Generic Drug Regulators Program

KE Key Expert(s)

KLTSP Kuala Lumpur Transport Strategic Plan

JNKE Junior Non-Key Expert

LSAD Legal Services and Agreements Directorate

MIS Management Information System
MPAC Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity
MRA Mutual Recognition Arrangement

MSME Micro-, Small-, and Medium-Sized Enterprises

MST Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand

NKE Non-Key Expert

NAB National Accreditation Body

NFAB National Focal Points for Accreditation

NTM Non-Tariff Measure(s)
NTR National Trade Repository

NTTCC National Transit Transport Coordinating Committees

OWP Overall Work Plan

PFPWG Prepared Foodstuffs Product Working Group
PIC/S Pharmaceutical Inspection Co-operation Scheme
PPWG ACCSQ Pharmaceutical Product Working Group

PSC Project Steering Committee

PWG Product Working Group(s)

SC-AROO Sub Committee on ATIGA Rules of Origin

SNKE Senior Non-Key Expert

SPCD Strategic Plans for Customs Development

STOM ASEAN Senior Transport Officials

SOM AMAF Senior Officials Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and

Forestry

TA Technical Assistance

TAT Technical Assistance Team
TBT Technical Barriers to Trade
TFD Trade Facilitation Division

TFWG ASEAN Transport Facilitation Working Group

TRIM Trade-related Investment Measure
TTCB Transit Transport Coordinating Board

UNCTAD United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

VCO Visibility, Communication and Outreach

WGDSA Working Group on Data Sharing, Analysis, Dissemination and

Communication

WHO World Health Organization WTO World Trade Organization

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The ARISE+ third six monthly progress report covers the period of 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018 to 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019 and brings to completion Work Plan 1. The activities carried out support the ASEAN economic integration effort and are guided by the ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint 2025. Set out below are the key results for the period.

### **Overall Project Results**

40 major activities were implemented during the reporting period. ARISE+ organised and conducted 28 events for a total of 131 days<sup>1</sup>. The workshops benefitted a total number of 944 participants. The activities resulted in a total of 256 outputs. In addition to the workshops, a total of 20 official ASEAN meetings were attended by the ARISE+ team. See figure 1 below for headline indicators.



Figure 1: Headline indicators

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Workshop days: total number of days across workshops conducted

ARISE+ activities have been characterised by a strong inclusive approach. Out of 944 workshop participants, 422 were female participants and 522 were male participants. All 10 ASEAN Member states were well represented across the participants including 423 participants from the CLMV countries. See figure 2 below.

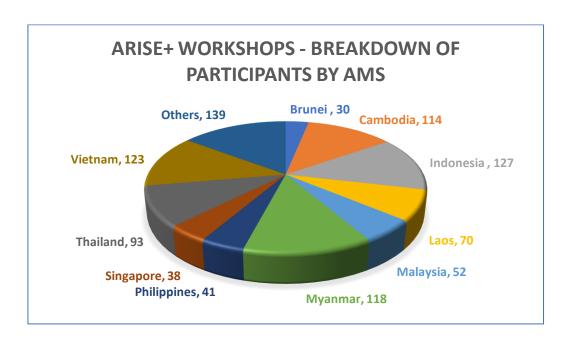


Figure 2: Breakdown of workshop participants by AMS

ARISE+ workshops were hosted by all AMS, demonstrating the strong ownership of the project amongst AMS, refer figure 3.

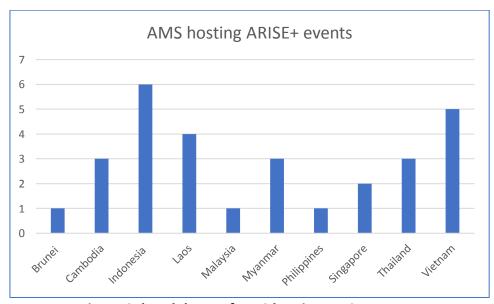


Figure 3: breakdown of AMS hosting ARISE+ events

The workshops were highly rated in terms of effectiveness, with an average score of 80% across 5 questions covering effectiveness and quality as seen in figure 4.

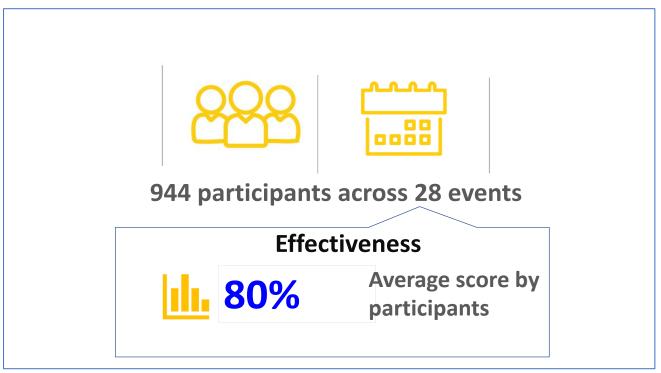


Figure 4: Effectiveness of events (workshops) rated by participants

During the reporting period, ARISE Plus has engaged with 13 ASEC Divisions, 34 ASEAN Sectoral Bodies and Working Groups and more than 62 AMS entities, (see figure 5.)



Figure 5: Partnerships with ARISE+

The relevance of ARISE+ is manifested through the support it provides to 12 elements and 14 strategic measures of the ASEAN Economic Blue Print (AECB). ARISE+ also supports 7 priority areas of the

ASEAN-EU Plan of Action and 5 sustainable development goals. See figure 6. ARISE+ workshops were also highly rated in terms of relevance with an average score of 82% across 3 questions covering relevance in the feedback questionnaires across its 28 workshops.



Figure 6: ARISE+ relevance

The ARISE+ workshops were rated an average score of 78% across 3 questions covering sustainability and impact in the feedback questionnaires. In the area of efficiency and format, the workshops were rated an average score of 82% across 5 questions.

# **Overall Project Results**

## **Component 0 Project Management**

- Enhanced management and decision making through an updated and revised internal monitoring system;
- Project Website finalised and live with substantial information available for both regional economic integration practitioners and the wider general audience.

# **Component 1.0 Trade Facilitation and Transparency**

This component aims at supporting the implementation of the ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA); increasing transparency and regulatory certainty and enhancing private sector engagement with ASEAN.

#### **Summary of Results**

- The ASEAN Trade Repository (ATR http://atr.asean.org/) has been increasingly operationalised. The baseline study carried out in May 2018 showed 163 SPS Non-Tariff Measures (NTM's). Since the study an additional 217 SPS NTMs have been validated and uploaded on the ATR. A further 779 SPS NTMs have been collected but not yet validated. By end of May 2019, a total of 755SPS NTMs have been validated and uploaded on the ATR.
- The quality and uniformity of the information uploaded on the ATR (accessible at <a href="https://atr.asean.org/index.php/links/search/">https://atr.asean.org/index.php/links/search/</a>) has been enhanced and the AMSs' Focal Points have enhanced understanding of the methodology, approach and requirements to progressively operationalize the ATR.
- ASEAN NTMs Guidelines have been adopted and are being socialised among AMSs and private
  sector representatives. The process of progressive implementation, of Principle 2 Consultations
  with Civil Society and private sector and Principle 3 Transparency of Member States to ensure
  that NTMs are notified before their adoption to the relevant ASEAN bodies, is being
  conceptualised following a dedicated survey conducted by ASEC in each AMS.
- ASSIST has been enhanced in terms of the operating procedures, scope and the addition of important anonymity features. Also with the development of online tutorials and an updated User Manual. <a href="https://assist.asean.org">https://assist.asean.org</a>
- ASSIST for Trade in Services was soft launched at the 2018 ASEAN Business and Investment Summit (ABIS) and has been fully operationalized for use by ASEAN Enterprises as of 1 May 2019. Three new cases have been filed since the new anonymity features have been operationalized (1 January 2019), two of which by representative entities providing anonymity to the actual complainants.
- The various ASEAN trade facilitation initiatives being supported by ARISE+ have been endorsed and referenced by ASEAN at ATF-JCC and SEOM level.
- ASEAN's private sector has been systematically engaged and greater awareness created on utilization of ASSIST and increasing consultations with the relevant ASEAN sectoral bodies, primarily through the ATF-JCC and through the informal Roundtable Discussions on Trade Facilitation.



## **Component 2.0 Standards & Conformance**

This component focuses on improving: the harmonisation of standards, accreditation and conformity assessment, as well supporting the further integration of the pharmaceuticals and food sectors.

#### **Summary of Results**

• The drafting of the **ASEAN General Principles for Harmonisation of Regulatory Regimes** has progressed well, endorsement and publishing will follow under the next work plan.

- The revised ASEAN MRA Framework Agreement is nearing final endorsement.
- Cooperation mechanisms between national accreditation bodies have been enhanced including a long-term cooperation framework for Working Group 2, Accreditation and Conformity Assessment.
- Cross-cutting initiatives on food safety and on organic agriculture have been enhanced as a result of the efforts of ARISE+.
- With ARISE+ support, Working Group 1, responsible for the Harmonisation of Standards, has agreed on a clear direction in terms of priority areas to increase the rate and number of harmonised standards that are available including a review of the process for the harmonisation of standards in ASEAN.
- ASEAN Food Safety Regulatory Framework (AFSRF) Agreement development is on track and it is anticipated that the AFSRF Task Force will be able to endorse by the end of 2019.
- Prepared Foodstuffs Product Working Group (PFPWG), Members State's food safety regulators
  and joint sectoral committee have been supported to implement the Mutual Recognition
  Agreement on Inspection and Certification Systems of Food Hygiene for Prepared Foodstuffs.
  Further work is required to assist the Joint Sectoral Committee in establishing the priorities for
  the scope of implementation in terms of product categories and types of inspections and
  certifications.
- ASEAN Risk Assessment Centre for Food Safety (ARAC) has been strengthened sufficiently to conduct its first risk assessment for aflatoxins.
- An ASEAN Guideline on traceability is being established and the first draft of the guidelines will be deliberated in a workshop be held in late 2019.
- The Experts Group for Organic Agriculture and Working Group 2, Accreditation and Conformity
  Assessment, have been facilitated to collaborate to harmonise certification requirements for
  Organic Agriculture.
- The Experts Group for Organic Agriculture has endorsed the concept paper that identifies the issues to be resolved for harmonisation of requirements and mutual recognition of organic agriculture certification.
- ARISE+ has facilitated the Pharmaceuticals Product Working Group to agree upon embarking on two concrete market integration initiatives with the support of ARISE+: the development of a Framework for Pharmaceutical Regulation in ASEAN and the development of a network of pharmaceutical laboratories.



# Component 3.0 Customs, Transport and ACTS

This component supports Customs and Transport reforms with a strong focus on the ASEAN customs transit system (ACTS)

### **Summary of Results**

- ASEAN Member States capacity to implement Authorised Economic Operator (AEO)
   Programmes strengthened through the support by ARISE+.
- Customs officers from Cambodia and Myanmar capacitated in the intelligence and investigation functions, in line with international standards and the principles of the World Customs Organisation (WCO).
- The implementation of **ASEAN Framework Agreement for Multimodal Transport (AFAMT) has been enhanced**, including the development of an Implementation Framework for AFAMT, and in the development of national laws and regulations in Cambodia where required.
- The Implementation Guidelines for ASEAN-Cross Border Transport of Passengers by Road Vehicles (CBTP) are being established and the stage is now set for the planned ASEAN-CBTP Pilot.
- ASEAN Customs Transit System (ACTS)
  - ARISE + has been monitoring the progress in the legal framework for ASEAN Customs Transit System (ACTS), and notes that Prospects are good for the legal framework of ASEAN Framework Agreement for Goods in Transit (AFAFGIT) and most likely it will be in place for the ASEAN Customs Transit System (ACTS) live run planned for February 2019.
    - The Central Management Team (CMT) of ACTS has been trained to the extent that full participation in the planned ACTS live run of the Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand -Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Viet Nam (CLMV) Pilot can take place..
  - Capacities and systems have been enhanced in the ACTS Change Management Board (CMB) for the IT functional upgrades to be applied to ACTS, along with an agreed mechanism for controlling the priorities and assessing the impact and costs of the changes.



## **Component 4.0 ASEAN Economic Integration Monitoring and Statistics**

This component has four distinct elements: Internal project monitoring, an integrated monitoring framework for the ARISE+ family of projects, strengthening the ASEAN economic integration monitoring system and the ASEAN statistical capacity.

#### **Summary of Outputs**

#### ARISE+ internal M&E

- Enhanced management and decision making in the ARISE+ regional project through a robust internal monitoring system.
- Integrated monitoring framework established to enable coherence and coordination between the national and regional ARISE+ projects. The Framework has subsequently been adopted by the ARISE+ Indonesia project.

### • ASEAN Integration Monitoring system

- Operationalisation of the ASEAN M&E framework was enhanced for compliance and outcome monitoring through the development of an M&E mechanism for a major sectoral plan: the ASEAN Standards and Conformance Strategic Plan 2016-2025 of the ACCSQ.
- ASEAN research, capacity and awareness to facilitate the implementation of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Blueprint 2025 was strengthened in the areas of the MTR of the AEC Blueprint) work commenced.

#### ASEAN Statistics Capacity

- The AEC Compliance Monitoring Database has been enhanced through a TA mission involving coding tests on a development server, evaluation and verification of data and verification of business rules.
- Clear priorities and elements have been agreed on for the Operational Guidelines of the ACSS
- Enhanced readiness of Brunei's team to support the ASEAN-help-ASEAN, and confirmation of DOS Malaysia in their involvement in the coming ASEAN-help-ASEAN

## **RESOURCES**

During this reporting period, ARISE+ has mobilised the resources shown in the table below.

	Budget WP1	1 <sup>st</sup> Month of WP1*	2nd Six Monthly period	3rd Six Monthly Period	Balance WP1
KE Days	909	80	413	429	-13
SNKE Days	2683	46	616	1355	666
JNKE days	110	0	5	15	90
Incidentals	€1,422,747	€30,363.36	€276,859	€584,055.64	€531,469

A more detailed breakdown is provided in Section 1, where the resources used are reported at the activity level, while in Section 2 on the "Overview of Resources" the use of resources is reported at the activity level and aggregated to the component and project level. All unused resources will be carried over to AWP2 and in the situation where the activity has been completed for less days than planned, the remaining days will be reallocated.

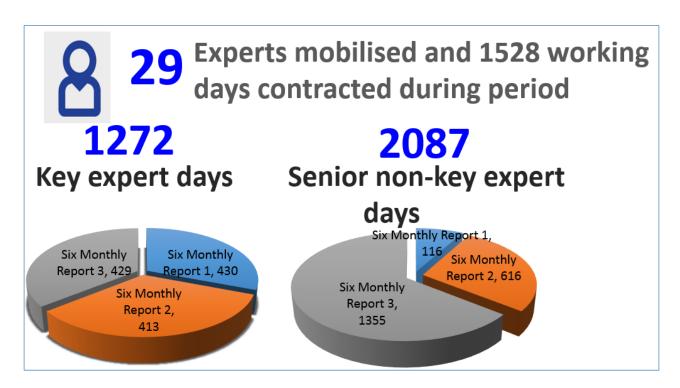


Figure 7: Breakdown of expert days

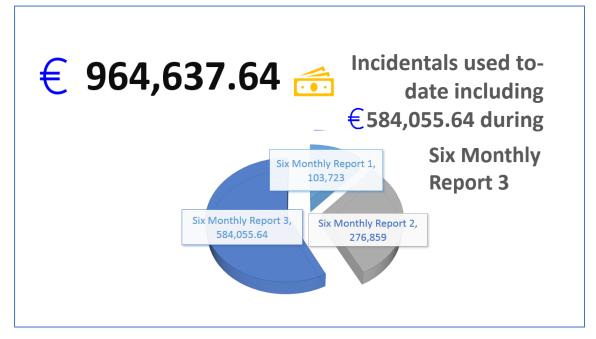


Figure 8: Incidental budget

List of the 34 ASEAN Sectoral Bodies, working groups and entities with which ARISE+ worked.

- 1. ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ABAC)
- 2. ASEAN Coordinating Committee on Connectivity
- 3. ASEAN Committee on Consumer Protection (ACCP)
- 4. ASEAN Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (AC-SPS)
- 5. ASEAN Consultative Committee on Standards and Quality (ACCSQ)
- 6. ASEAN Coordinating Committee on Investment (CCI)
- 7. ASEAN Coordinating Committee on the Implementation of ATIGA (CCA)
- 8. ASEAN Customs Coordinating Committee (CCC)
- 9. ASEAN Customs Directors-General
- 10. ASEAN Expert Group on Food Safety
- 11. ASEAN Federation of Forwarders Associations (AFFA)
- 12. ASEAN Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (ARASFF) Steering Committee
- 13. ASEAN Risk Assessment Centre for Food Safety (ARAC)
- 14. ASEAN Smart Cities Network (ASCN)
- 15. ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Crops
- 16. ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Fisheries
- 17. ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Livestock
- 18. ASEAN Senior Transport Officials (STOM)
- 19. ASEAN Single Window Steering Committee (ASW-SC)
- 20. ASEAN Trade Facilitation Joint Consultative Committee (ATFJCC)
- 21. ASEAN Transport Facilitation Working Group
- 22. ASEAN Transport Facilitation Working Group (TWFG)
- 23. Customs Capacity Building Working Group
- 24. Customs Enforcement and Compliance Working Group
- 25. EU-ASEAN Business Council (EABC)
- 26. Experts Working Group on Organic Agriculture
- 27. Senior Economic Officials Meeting (SEOM)
- 28. Senior Officials Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (SOM AMAF)
- 29. Transit Transport Coordinating Board (TTCB)
- 30. Sub-committee on ATIGA Rules of Origin (SCA-ROO)
- 31. ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS) Committee
- 32. Sub-Committee on Planning and Coordination (SCPC)
- 33. Working Group on Data Sharing, Analysis, Dissemination and Communication (WGDSA)
- 34. Working Group on SNA

## **SECTION 1 PROJECT ACTIVITIES**

## **Component 0: Management and Outreach**

Component 0	KE	S-NKE	J-NKE	Incidentals
Total	109	6	0	€15,939

## **Sub Component 0.1 Project Management and Coordination**

#### **Actual Resources Use**

Sub Component 0.1	S-NKE	J-NKE	Incidentals
Total	6	0	€11,756.19

#### **Outcome**

Project resources managed to ensure the efficient and effective realisation of outcomes at all levels.

The Team Leader, supported by the Key experts and project assistants in Jakarta, coordinated the implementation of the activities for the 6 months period covered by this report under WP1.

In brief, of the 51 planned activities, 40 have been initiated and are in progress with many being continued under the next Work plan, all meeting the high standards set the by ARISE+ Project Team.

The project team has also organised and held 28 events during the reporting period, providing 131 workshop days, for 944 participants. As part of the internal monitoring process, workshop evaluation sheets show participants rated the effectiveness of these workshops at 80% with both relevance and efficiency scoring strongly at 82%. Every event has performed well above average with some expected variation depending on topic and participants.

Coordination and liaison with other donor agencies and projects continue to be highly effective, for example with USAID, AADCP, JAIF, and GIZ, of special note is the relationship with the E-READI team. In the food sector, good cooperation with DG Sante has been maintained with inputs being made to the ASEAN Food Safety Regulatory Framework Agreement. Contacts have been maintained with the regional office of the World Customs Organisation (WCO) to ensure activities are co-ordinated and Cen-Cenelec have started dialogue with ACCSQ in the area of standards.

Private sector engagement has significantly increased, with excellent relations established with ASEAN Business Advisory Council, EU-ASEAN Business Council and its associated Euro Chambers

members, ASEAN Federation of Forwarders Association, Thailand International Forwarders Association and the ASEAN Food and Beverage Alliance.

Good relations have been established with Delegations in the region, with systematic visits from the team leader and KEs' when an event or meeting is taking place in the respective countries. A calendar of events for each country has been established, is regularly updated and serves as a useful tool for forward planning and ensures that the EUS's are aware of ARISE+ national level activities. In addition to the above, the tasks carried out by the Team Leader included:

- Regular consultation all relevant stakeholders, including high level officials in ASEAN and EU Delegations;
- Provided high-level policy / technical / strategic inputs to the AEC pillar of the ASEAN Secretariat; for example on the strategy for private sector engagement with sectoral bodies;
- Managing the team of Key and non-Key Experts, including the reviewing of ToRs for NKE's,
- Monitoring of performance and outputs using internal monitoring tools;
- Reported regularly to the EU Delegation on progress achieved in implementing the project;
- Participated actively in M&E activities, with specific focus on developing and implementing an integrated monitoring framework across ARISE+ regional and national components;
- Insured coordination across all ARISE+' components, including those to be implemented at the national level in the future;

The most significant output under this sub-component for the period was the production, submission and subsequent approval of the 2nd Work Plan (WP2) of ARISE+ and its associated resource planning.

The Team leader took the lead in this process, with the inputs from the KEs and SNKE. The process for arriving at the endorsed WP2 was long and complex. Consultations were held with 17 different ASEAN bodies including the relevant ASEAN Secretariat Directorates, ASEAN TWGs, Coordinating Committees and the EUD. The details of these consultations are found in the WP 2 which forms **Annex 1** to this report.

The Second Project Steering Committee (PSC) Meeting of the EU ASEAN Regional Integration Support (ARISE) Plus was held on 24 April 2019 at the ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta. The Meeting was co-chaired by Mr. Stephen Quick, Deputy Permanent Representative of Singapore Mission to ASEAN representing the Country Coordinator for the ASEAN-EU Dialogue Relations, Mr. Hans Farnhammer, Head of Cooperation, Delegation of the European Union to Indonesia, Brunei Darussalam and ASEAN representing the EU and Mr. Tran Dong Phuong, Director of ASEAN Sectoral Development Directorate of the ASEAN Secretariat representing the ASEAN Secretariat. The Meeting was also attended by the Permanent Missions of the ASEAN Member States to ASEAN, the Chair of the ASEAN Community Statistical System Sub-Committee on Planning and Coordination (ACSS-SCPC), representative of the Chair of the ASEAN Consultative Committee on Standards and Quality (ACCSQ), relevant ASEAN Secretariat staff, and ARISE+ Technical Assistance Team as well as representatives from European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) and European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO). The PSC endorsed WP2 of the ARISE+ project and for the record the full Meeting Report forms **Annex 2** to this progress report.

#### Monitoring

The internal monitoring system developed by the Team Leader and the Monitoring expert continues to guide project management to ensure project resources are used in efficient and effective ways for the realisation of planned outputs across all activities.

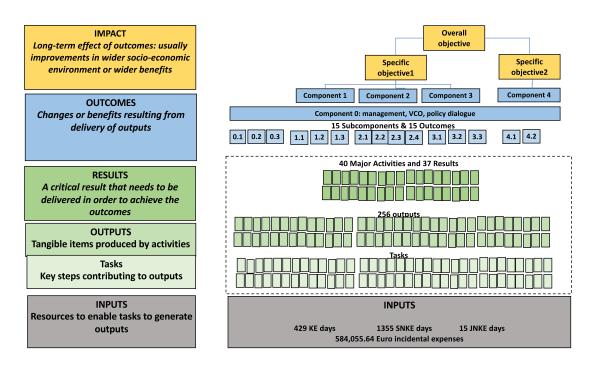
- . For information the system includes:
  - Internal monitoring criteria covering relevance, efficiency, effectiveness, impact, sustainability and partnerships;
  - Review mechanisms for the Project log frame with outcome and impact indicators;
  - Data collection tools such as feedback forms for events with questions aligned to the monitoring criteria;
  - · A detailed monitoring and reporting framework with regular reporting;

The monitoring system links feedback from events and six-monthly reporting by the team of experts (on tasks, outputs, problems encountered, lessons learnt). Based on this data, monitoring analysis covering relevance, efficiency, effectiveness and partnerships, and is conducted at regular 6-monthly intervals. The monitoring analysis feeds into decision making by the team leader and key experts which in turn supports the design and planning of future activities and tasks in the subsequent AWPs.

In addition to the above process at the task and activity level, the Team Leader, supported by the monitoring expert undertakes monitoring analysis of the overall project, this includes for example the way inputs lead to outputs, others areas such as cost efficiency, how outputs contribute to results and the coherence of the project are analysed. As part of this overall assessment, efficiency of outputs is continuously monitored and means of improvement identified. For example, the average cost per participant per workshop day, which is a major part of the incidentals expenditure, has been reduced from 203.33 Euro per day during SMR2 to 89.81 Euro per day during SMR3. Improvements were achieved by combining workshops into longer workshops than series of short workshops where possible (e.g. ACTS training) which reduced airfare; and focusing on events with a larger proportion of national attendees to reduced costs.

The way outputs contribute to results and the coherence of the project was assessed during the period using a results chain model.

The ARISE+ Results chain



As a result of the analysis, it was decided to consolidate the number of major outputs generated by each task to one and to consolidate the results so that a maximum of one or two results are generated by each activity. Enhancements were made to the activity tables in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Six Monthly report, to report on major outputs for each task, one major result for each activity and to also capture the problems encountered and lessons learnt from implementing the activity. Improved classification of outputs has been developed and guidance provided to NKEs and KEs.

	NKE 2		Annexes according to type of output							Total outputs
	reports <sup>2</sup>	Official ASEAN Publications <sup>3</sup>	Draft ASEAN publications	Internal ASEAN documents <sup>4</sup>	ASEAN ICT systems & upgrades <sup>5</sup>	Workshop reports <sup>6</sup>	Training materials <sup>7</sup>	Outreach materials <sup>8</sup>	ARISE+ project docs <sup>9</sup>	outputs
Component 0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34	2	36
Component 1	7	-	-	4	5	1	6	1	14	38
Component 2	10	1	1	27	ı	15	4	ı	3	58
Component 3	13	-	-	44	10	8	12	-	7	94
Component 4.1	3	-	-	5	-	2	1	-	5	16
Component 4.2	8	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	2	14
Sub-total	41	1	1	81	15	27	25	35	33	256

These enhancements were also reflected in the planning for AWP2, where the activity tables propose major outputs for each task and one major result for each activity.

In comparison to SMR2, which reported on 91 outputs and approximately 120 results across 35 activities, SMR3 has reported on 256 outputs and 37 major results across 40 activities implemented. Three activities which are at the initial stage have not generated results at this point in time. These enhancements have contributed to a more coherent project, with clearer outputs and more focussed results and reducing fragmentation.

A full internal monitoring report is under preparation following the closure of WP1, the report will be drafted by the monitoring expert in conjunction with the Team Leader.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Including interim progress reports and final reports

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Official ASEAN publications with ISBN (acronyms please)

 $<sup>^{4}</sup>$  Such as Guidelines, Concept Notes, Procedures, Studies, Ratification documents, Memos etc

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> New national installations of ASEAN systems (e.g. ACTS in CLV) and upgrades or revisions done to ASEAN systems such as ACTS, ATR, ASSIST, ASEANStats databases, Monitoring databases, AEC Monitoring website etc (includes new software releases, upgrades, content updates). This will include updates to relevant documents (including training materials) in-line with the upgrades

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> ARISE+ workshop reports for seminars, workshops and meetings (including workshop 3-pager, presentations and list of participants)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Training materials including presentations and documents for formal training of staff from ASEC, Sectoral bodies and AMS

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Materials for creating outreach (e.g. presentations to private sector), visibility materials, printed materials, online and social media articles

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Including mission reports, contributions to SMR and AWP

## **Sub Component 0.2 Demand Driven Contingency**

#### **Actual Resource Use**

Sub Component 0.2	S-NKE	J-NKE	Incidentals
Total	24	0	€251

#### **Outcome**

Demand-driven activities facilitated to support the implementation of the AEC Blueprint 2025.

In response to a formal request received by the ASEAN Secretariat from Ministry of Public Works and Transport Cambodia, assistance was provided to commence the drafting a new Multi Modal Law and associated regulations to support the implementation of the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Multi-modal Transport (AFAMT). The progress and outputs are reported under Activity 3.2.2 of this report and in WP2 this the activity will be continued again under 3.2.2.

Other requests were received during the period and have been include as specific activities in WP2.

## **Sub Component 0.3 Visibility Communications and Outreach (VCO)**

#### **Actual Resource Use**

Sub Component 0.3	S-NKE	J-NKE	Incidentals
Total	6	0	€4,182.80

#### **Outcome**

Communication objectives of the AEC is achieved whilst providing visibility to ARISE+ as a flagship programme of the EU and the strategic nature of the EU's support.

The Team Leader in conjunction with the Key Experts and the backstopping team maintained visibility of project during this period. This was primarily done via the project website <a href="http://ariseplus.asean.org">http://ariseplus.asean.org</a>, EU-ASEAN newsletter, EU-ASEAN Bluebook and articles in other portals. Flash reports were also prepared for the EUD'S in the region as listed below.

## **EU-ASEAN Cooperation Newsletter:**

- 1. Supports Mutual Recognition of Bioequivalence Centres Across ASEAN
- 2. 50<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Economic Ministers' Meeting acknowledges the contributions of ARISE+ to the ASEAN region
- 3. ARISE+ regional capacity building workshop: Authorised Economic Operator (AEO)
- 4. Innovative Solutions to Address Business Challenges in ASEAN

#### ARISE+ website articles:

- 5. Workshop on Strengthening of Customs Intelligence and Investigation Capacity Yangon
- 6. 2nd Scientific Committee Meeting of ASEAN Risk Assessment Centre for Food Safety (ARAC) Capacity Building Workshop on Multimodal Transport and Meeting on AFAMT
- 7. 3rd Workshop on Development of the Agreement for Implementation of the ASEAN Food Safety Regulatory Framework (AFSRF)
- 8. Workshop on Strengthening Of Customs Intelligence and Investigation Capacity Phnom Penh
- 9. Second ARISE+ Roundtable Discussion on Implementation of NTMs Guidelines and Institutional Coordination on NTMs: What is the Trade Facilitation Agenda and the Role of Private Sector?
- 10. Workshop on Enhancing Harmonization of Standards in ASEAN
- 11. Leveraging ASEAN solutions for trade through ASSIST: The EUs support under the ARISE+ Programme
- 12. Innovative Solutions to Address Business Challenges in ASEAN

#### Upload of documents to ARISE+ website:

- 13. ARISE+ Brochure
- 14. ATR Brochure
- 15. ARAC Brochure
- 16. ASSIST Brochure
- 17. ARISE+ Infographic
- 18. OWP
- 19. AWP1
- 20. ASEAN Sectoral Mutual Recognition Arrangement for Inspection and Certification Systems on Food Hygiene for Prepared Foodstuff Products
- 21. ASEAN Principles and Guidelines for the Establishment of Maximum Use Level for Food Activities
- 22. ASEAN General Guidelines on Food Contact Materials
- 23. ASEAN Mutual Recognition Arrangement for Bioequivalence Study Reports of Generic Medicinal Products
- 24. Multimodal Transport Law and Operations e-Learning Module

#### Other items:

- 25. ARISE+ 2019 Pocket calendar
- 26. Article published in Asian NGO Impact Magazine website and eNewsletter (13 Nov 2018) (https://asianngo.org/upload/e-magazine/pdf/263/asean.html)
- 27. Article on ASEC website
- 28. Article on CIMB website (<a href="https://www.cimb.com/en/news/news/2019/cari-briefings-press-release-leveraging-asean-solutions-for-trade-through-assist-the-eu-s-support-under-the-arise-plus-programme.html">https://www.cimb.com/en/news/news/2019/cari-briefings-press-release-leveraging-asean-solutions-for-trade-through-assist-the-eu-s-support-under-the-arise-plus-programme.html</a>)
- 29. Article on ReliefWeb(<a href="https://reliefweb.int/report/world/26th-asean-eu-joint-cooperation-committee-meeting-convenes-jakarta">https://reliefweb.int/report/world/26th-asean-eu-joint-cooperation-committee-meeting-convenes-jakarta</a>)

- 30. Article on ASEAN Business club website (<a href="https://www.aseanbusinessclub.org/events-3/events-2019/cari-briefing-leveraging-asean-solutions-for-trade-through-assist-the-eus-support-under-the-arise-plus-programme-by-paolo-r-vergano/">https://www.aseanbusinessclub.org/events-3/events-2019/cari-briefing-leveraging-asean-solutions-for-trade-through-assist-the-eus-support-under-the-arise-plus-programme-by-paolo-r-vergano/</a>
- 31. Article on TheStar Malaysia (<a href="https://www.thestar.com.my/business/business-news/2019/01/09/munir-be-objective-on-countrys-economic-challenges/">https://www.thestar.com.my/business/business-news/2019/01/09/munir-be-objective-on-countrys-economic-challenges/</a>

#### EU Bluebook articles:

- 32. ARISF+
- 33. ARISE+ achievements in 2018
- 34. Creating an enabling business environment in ASEAN

Contributions for the 2019 Blue Book publication were submitted, and the ARISE+ project featured in EU support to Regional Economic Integration achievements with a more in depth feature included on the launch of ASSIST for Trade in Services <a href="https://assist.asean.org/">https://assist.asean.org/</a>.

A calendar of project activities was developed to share the project's activities with EUD's in the region, this is updated on a quarterly basis and has been well received

The delivery and implementation of a more comprehensive plan for Communications and Outreach was put on hold until such a time resolution can be found on eligibility of expenditure in terms of SNKE days and incidental expenditure for this category of activity.

# **Component 1.0: Trade Facilitation and Transparency**

Component 1 on Trade Facilitation is organized on the basis of three Sub-Components of activities in order to logically reflect the areas of ARISE Plus intervention mandated under the ToRs, better organize the provision of support in light of the results to be achieved and the needs expressed by ASEAN during the coordination meetings and consultations held during the final part of AWP1 with the relevant sectoral bodies (i.e., SEOM, ATF-JCC, CCA, Thailand's 2019 ASEAN Chair, ASEC, etc.), and leverage on the combined resources of each cluster of activities for purposes of achieving the overall trade facilitation results mandated under ARISE Plus.

Component 1	KE	S-NKE	J-NKE	Incidentals
Total	106	231	0	€140,319.54

## **Sub-Component 1.1 ATIGA Implementation with Focus on Transparency and NTMs**

#### **Actual Resources Use**

Sub Component 1.1	S-NKE	J-NKE	Incidentals
Total	172	0	€18,597.88

#### **Outcome**

Enhanced trade-related regulatory transparency and progressive NTMs' streamlining through the effective operationalization of the ASEAN Trade Repository (ATR) and the network of AMSs' National Trade Repositories (NTRs).

Activity 1.1.1 Supporting the Effective Implementation of the ATIGA (ATR and NTRs)

Activity 1.1.1	Supporting the Effective Implementation of the ATIGA (ATR and NTRs)
Main Beneficiaries Engaged	ASEC's TFD, SEOM, ATFJCC, CCA, ATR/NTR Focal Points in AMSs and Private Sector in ASEAN.
Tasks Status	<ul> <li>Deployed specialised teams of experts (working alone or in teams of two, depending on the language needs and/or on the AMSs' NTR/ATR state-of-play) to engage with the AMSs' authorities in charge of the respective NTRs and of web-linkages to the ATR. The initial objective was to gather all relevant NTMs in the ATR sub-category of SPS and properly classify them, 'package' them for upload on the ATR, web-link</li> </ul>

Activity 1.1.1	Supporting the Effective Implementation of the ATIGA (ATR and NTRs)
	them to the NTR and/or to the available national online databases. Work was conducted in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam.
Outputs Delivered	<ul> <li>Status: The process of identification, classification and 'packaging' of the respective AMSs' SPS NTMs for upload on the ATR is:         <ul> <li>Completed in Lao PDR, Indonesia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore and Viet Nam;</li> <li>Ongoing in Cambodia, Malaysia and Thailand; and Not yet started in Brunei Darussalam.</li> <li>Only Myanmar's SPS NTMs have been validated and uploaded onto the ATR.</li> <li>The SPS NTMs of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Viet Nam are in the process of validation.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Short term expert reports containing all the SPS NTMs that were identified, collected, classified and 'packaged' in the respective AMSs, for validation and subsequent upload by AMSs on the ATR under the sub-category on SPS (4.1), have been produced in either Word files or Excel spreadsheets. The documents produced by the respective STEs are filed as ANNEXES 3, 4, 5 and 6</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Short term expert report: Upgrade of the ASSIST and ATR websites (ANNEX 7)</li> </ul>
Problems Encountered	<ul> <li>The major implementation problem has been the difficulty for STEs to meaningfully and systematically engage with the ATR Focal Points and especially with the line agencies having SPS competences in most AMSs. Good 'buy in' and degree of ownership was achieved only in Myanmar, Lao PDR, Malaysia, the Philippines and Singapore, at different speeds. To a lesser degree in Cambodia, Indonesia, Thailand and Viet Nam. The work in most AMSs suffered from systematic delays for the unavailability of line agencies to meet and advance the identification and classification work. The activities in Malaysia and Brunei Darussalam were also hampered by the (unwritten) decision of the EUD Jakarta (Contract and Finance Section) to consider the STE Dr. Tobias Dolle ineligible for work as STE, despite him having initially been regularly approved by ASEAN and EUD and having implemented several missions to Myanmar and Malaysia, with the related mission notifications and timesheets having been regularly approved. The work in Brunei Darussalam also suffered from the Government's inability to engage with ARISE Plus while the competences were transferred from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the newly-created Ministry of Finance and Economy (completed only in March 2019).</li> <li>The development of an interactive feature on the ATR called 'Report an</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The development of an interactive feature on the ATR called 'Report an NTM' was postponed by ASEAN as AMSs considered the possibility of</li> </ul>

Activity 1.1.1	Supporting the Effective Implementation of the ATIGA (ATR and NTRs)	
	developing such function on the be provided during AWP2.	ASSIST website. This support will likely
Lessons Learned	possible in order for them to wand 'package' the trade-related particularly the target NTMs, the engage with the ATR Focal Point 'validating' the collected inform ATR. In some countries (i.e., Lad the cooperation with other deve World Bank) has proved vital. O have continued to advance the and without making the UNCTA ARISE Plus and to the respipeopardizing the potential syner Consideration should be given cooperation between ARISE Plus in selected AMSs (e.g., Cambod Viet Nam), as and when they	o be able to deploy the STEs as early as york independently to identify, collect I information of the respective AMSs, hereby then having sufficient time to s and the line agencies for purposes of ation and for it to be uploaded on the o PDR, Myanmar and the Philippines), elopment partners (e.g., USAid and the ther development partners (i.e., ERIA) ir parallel work without coordination AD NTMs database available (both to ective AMS Governments), thereby gies and the avoidance of duplication. In during AWP2 to explore greater is Regional and the ARISE Plus Projects lia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and start being implemented and if the allow for synergic approaches vis-à-vis ed regulatory transparency.
Resources	Category	
Mobilised	SNKE (working days)	56
	Incidental (Euro)	€5,628.96

### **Overall Result to-date**

• With respect to the ATR sub-category 4.1 on SPS, to date the following quantitative results have been achieved or are on target to be achieved by the end of May 2019 (vis-à-vis the baselines provided in the May 2018 'Mapping Reports'):

AMS	SPS NTMs in 2018 'Mapping Report'	Validated and Uploaded on ATR	Collected, but not yet Validated	Expected by 31 May 2019
Brunei	29	n.a. <sup>10</sup>	n.a.	> 50
Cambodia	0	n.a.	146	> 140
Indonesia	0	80	201	> 200
Lao PDR	0	n.a.	164	> 160
Malaysia	1	<b>43</b> <sup>11</sup>	n.a.	> 50
Myanmar	5	49	n.a.	49
Philippines	84	90	n.a.	> 100
Singapore	12	n.a.	10 (legal instruments)	> 100
Thailand	31	n.a.	188 (legal instruments)	> 250
Viet Nam	1	n.a.	268	> 250
TOTAL	163	217	779	> 1,300

- <sup>1</sup> Delays resulted from change in ministerial competences in Brunei and then in ARISE Plus STE being *de facto* 'suspended' by EUD.
- $^{\rm 2}$  Delays resulted from the ARISE Plus STE being  $\it defacto$  'suspended' by EUD.
- Major improvements were also achieved in terms of the quality and uniformity of the information uploaded on the ATR (accessible at <a href="https://atr.asean.org/index.php/links/search/">https://atr.asean.org/index.php/links/search/</a>) and in terms of the AMSs' Focal Points understanding of the methodology, approach and requirements to progressively operationalize the ATR. This should result in speedier and more fruitful engagement by STEs during AWP2, particularly vis-à-vis the process of identification, classification and 'packaging' of the TBT NTMs.

## Activity 1.1.2 Identifying, Classifying and Notifying NTMs

Activity 1.1.2	Identifying, Classifying and Notifying	NTMs
Main Beneficiaries Engaged	ASEC's TFD, SEOM, ATFJCC, CCA, ATR/NTR Focal Points in AMSs and Private Sector in ASEAN	
Tasks Status	Please see Activity 1.1.1 above	
Outputs Delivered	Please see Activity 1.1.1 above	
Problems Encountered	Please see Activity 1.1.1 above	
Lessons Learnt	Please see Activity 1.1.1 above	
Resources	Category	
Mobilised	SNKE (working days)	116
	Incidental (Euro)	€12,426.29

Overall Result to-	•	Please see Activity 1.1.1 above
date		

### Activity 1.1.3 Supporting the Coordinating Committee on the Implementation of the ATIGA

Activity 1.1.3	Supporting the Coordinating Committee on the Implementation of the ATIGA
Main Beneficiaries	CCA and ASEC's TFD
Tasks Status	<ul> <li>Assisted, on ASEC's TFD and CCA's demand, with the further discussion and conceptualization of the process of implementation of the ASEAN NTMs Guidelines.</li> <li>Status: ongoing</li> </ul>

Activity 1.1.3	Supporting the Coordinating Committee on the Implementation of the ATIGA	
	prepared for and delivered	ne form of PowerPoint Presentations at the CCA meetings held in Brunei .8 and in Malaysia on 14 March 2019.
Resources	Category	
Mobilised	SNKE (working days)	0
	Incidental (Euro)	€542.64

# Overall Result todate

 ASEAN NTMs Guidelines have been adopted, are being socialized among AMSs and private sector representatives, and the process of progressive implementation, starting with Principles 2 and 3 thereof, is being conceptualized following a dedicated survey conducted by ASEC in each AMS and is set to commence during AWP2, with 'on demand' support by ARISE Plus.

## **Sub-Component 1.2 Trade Facilitation and Private Sector Engagement**

#### **Actual Resources Used**

Sub Component 1.1	S-NKE	J-NKE	Incidentals
Total	59	0	€121,721.66

#### **Outcome**

Private sector engagement is enhanced through increased participation in the activities of ATF-JCC and other ASEAN sectoral bodies, in line with the applicable Guidelines for Private Sector Engagement, and by greater usage of ASSIST, including in the areas of trade in services and traderelated investment measures.

Activity 1.2.1 Full Operationalisation and Management of ASSIST, Including in the Services and Investment Sectors

Activity 1.2.1	Full Operationalisation and Management of ASSIST, Including in the Services and Investment Sectors
Main Beneficiaries Engaged	SEOM, ATF-JCC, CCA, CCA, CCI, AMSs' ASSIST Focal Points, ASEC's TFD and Private Sector
Tasks Status	<ul> <li>Finalized the new IT and procedural features of ASSIST for Trade in Services, coordinated them among all relevant actors (i.e., ASEC's Services and Investment Division (SID), the Coordinating Committee on Services (CCS) and AMSs), and supervised the work by the STEs to upgrade the ASSIST website, and adjust the ASSIST templates and related procedures.</li> <li>Status: completed</li> </ul>
	• Conceptualized, prepared and held 7 (one and a half day) training workshops on ASSIST for Trade in Services for the benefit of all AMSs' Focal Points for ASSIST Trade in Services and other relevant national authorities competent for the regulation of trade in services (in Vientiane on 28 February - 1 March for Lao PDR; in Naypyidaw on 4-5 March for Myanmar; in Bangkok on 11-12 March for Thailand; in Jakarta on 8-9 April for Indonesia and Malaysia; in Manila on 11-12 April for the Philippines; in Singapore on 15-16 April for Singapore and Brunei Darussalam; and in Hanoi on 18-19 for Viet Nam and Cambodia) in order to prepare all AMSs to be able to manage possible ASSIST services cases from 1 May 2019, when the system became fully operational and available to users.

## Activity 1.2.1 Full Operationalisation and Management of ASSIST, Including in the **Services and Investment Sectors** Status: completed Held 7 (half day) outreach events on ASSIST for Trade in Services and on the new features of ASSIST Website (i.e., anonymity features, tutorials, enhanced processes, etc.) for the benefit of selected AMSs' private sector representatives (i.e., individual companies, trade associations, business councils, chambers of commerce, business federations, lawyers, etc.) and in order to create further awareness on ASSIST (in Vientiane on 1 March; in Naypyidaw on 5 March; in Bangkok on 12 March; in Jakarta on 9 April; in Manila on 12 April; in Singapore on 16 April; and in Hanoi on 19). Status: completed **Held** 4 dedicated outreach events (upon invitation) on ASSIST for Trade in Goods and Trade in Services, as well as on the new features of ASSIST Website (i.e., anonymity features, tutorials, enhanced processes, etc.), for the benefit of selected AMSs' private sector organizations (i.e., in Kuala Lumpur on 8 January, upon the invitation of CARI and FMM; in Bangkok on 13 March, upon the invitation of FTI; and in Singapore on 29 April upon the invitation of SBF). Status: completed Presented ASSIST for Trade in Services at the 2018 ASEAN Business and Investment Summit (ABIS) in Singapore on 12-13 November 2018, during the 'Soft-Launch of ASSIST for Trade in Services' by ASEAN. Status: completed Finalized the updated User Manual with ASSIST's Standard Operating Procedures, which was submitted to the ASEAN Secretariat and circulated to all AMSs' Focal Points (for both Trade in Goods and Trade in Services) on 3 May 2019. Status: completed **Provided** regular ('on demand') support to the ASEAN Secretariat (i.e., ASSIST's Central Administrator) to manage ongoing ASSIST cases (3 new cases filed in Q1 2019) and to address a multitude of technical issues (i.e., procedural matters, IT glitches, dashboard management, support to AMSs, etc.). Status: ongoing **Outputs Delivered** The new ASSIST website and related templates/procedures were finalized and were endorsed by CCA, CCS, AMSs, and ASEC's TFD and

SID (currently available on the 'official ASSIST website' at

http://assist.asean.org, accessible to the public at large).

Activity 1.2.1	Full Operationalisation and Manage Services and Investment Sectors	ement of ASSIST, Including in the
		ized and circulated to all AMSs' Focal and Trade in Services) on 3 May 2019.  ANNEX 8.
	during the 'on demand' events h	reation materials prepared and used neld in selected AMSs to the benefit of rations. These materials available as final report.
		red and used during the Training n Services held in selected AMSs to the
Problems Encountered	• N.A.	
Lessons Learnt	increase its utilization of ASSIS played a positive role in increas	n order for ASEAN's business sector to T. The new anonymity features have sing the rate of ASSIST utilization and among ASEAN's private sector, d lawyers/law firms.
Resources	Category	
Mobilised	SNKE (working days) Incidental (Euro)	45 €99,161.86

## Overall Result todate

• ASSIST has been improved in terms of the operating procedures, scope (extension to services), and addition of important anonymity features, as well as with the development of online tutorials and an updated User Manual. ASSIST for Trade in Services has been soft launched at the 2018 ASEAN Business and Investment Summit (ABIS) and has been fully operationalized for use by ASEAN Enterprises as of 1 May 2019. Three new cases have been filed since the new anonymity features have been operationalized (1 January 2019), two of which by representative entities providing anonymity to the actual complainants.

Activity 1.2.2 Supporting the ASEAN Trade Facilitation Joint Consultative Committee

Activity 1.2.2	Supporting the ASEAN Trade Facilitation Joint Consultative Committee
Main Beneficiaries Engaged	ATF-JCC; ASEC's DSG for AEC; ASEC's TFD; SEOM; CCA; CCC; TWFG; ASW-SC; ACCSQ; AC-SPS; AMSs and Private Sector
Tasks Status	<ul> <li>Held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Roundtable Discussion on Trade Facilitation on the topics of "Implementation of NTMs Guidelines and Institutional Coordination</li> </ul>

# Activity 1.2.2 **Supporting the ASEAN Trade Facilitation Joint Consultative Committee** on NTMs: What is the Trade Facilitation Agenda and the Role of Private Sector?" and "Institutional Coordination on Trade Facilitation" in Bangkok, Thailand on 28 November 2018, back-to-back with the SEOM Retreat of 29-30 November 2018. Status: completed **Prepared**, discussed with ASEC's TFD, and circulated (on 7 December 2018) the report with the Key Messages from 2<sup>nd</sup> Roundtable Discussion on Trade Facilitation, for discussion and endorsement by ABAC and ATF-JCC. Status: completed Participated at the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the ASEAN Trade Facilitation Joint Consultative Committee (ATF-JCC) held in Bangkok on 13 January 2019, with a PowerPoint Presentation given to report on the support by ARISE Plus on trade facilitation issues (i.e., "ATR/NTRs progressive operationalization", the implementation of the "NTMs Guidelines", the roll-out of "ASSIST for Trade in Services", and the results of the "2nd ARISE Plus Roundtable Discussion on Trade Facilitation"). Status: completed Participated at the meeting of SEOM 1/50 held on 18 January 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand, with a PowerPoint Presentation given to report in detail on the support by ARISE Plus on all activities under Component 1 and to report in general on the activities under Components 2 and 3. Status: completed **Reported** at the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the ASEAN Trade Facilitation Joint Consultative Committee (ATF-JCC) held in Vientiane, Lao PDR on 28 March 2019, with a PowerPoint Presentation presented by ASEC's TFD on the ongoing support provided by ARISE Plus on trade facilitation issues. **Status: completed**

#### **Outputs Delivered**

- The report with the Key Messages from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Roundtable Discussion on Trade Facilitation, which is available as **ANNEX 10**.
- Short term expert report: Enhanced Private Sector engagement through Round Table Discussions (ANNEX 11)
- The reports, in the form of PowerPoint Presentations, presented at the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> meetings of the ATF-JCC and at the meeting of SEOM 1/50, respectively.

## Overall Result todate

• The various ASEAN trade facilitation initiatives being supported by ARISE Plus (i.e., "ATR/NTRs progressive operationalization", the

implementation of the "NTMs Guidelines", particularly with regards to Principles 2 and 3 thereof, and the roll-out of "ASSIST for Trade in Services", as well as the improvement of the basic procedures and anonymity features of ASSIST in general) are progressing smoothly and the results achieved through the assistance provided by ARISE Plus have been endorsed and referenced by ASEAN at ATF-JCC and SEOM level.

## Activity 1.2.3 Supporting the EU-ASEAN Policy Dialogue on Trade Facilitation

Activity 1.2.3	Supporting the EU-ASEAN Policy Dialogue on Trade Facilitation
Main Beneficiaries Engaged	ATF-JCC, SEOM, ASEC's TFD
Tasks Status	<ul> <li>This 'on demand' activity has not been activated by ASEAN and will be cancelled during AWP2 as a consequence of a lack of interest from ASEAN and the parallel scope and implementation of the EU's e-READI Project</li> </ul>

### Activity 1.2.4 Assisting ASEC and AMSs in TF-Related Policies and Dialogue

Activity 1.2.4	Assisting ASEC and AMSs in TF-Related Policies and Dialogue
Main Beneficiaries Engaged	SEOM, ATF-JCC, ASEC, AMSs
Tasks Status	<ul> <li>This 'on demand' activity has not been activated by ASEAN and will be cancelled during AWP2 as a consequence of a lack of interest from ASEAN and the parallel scope and implementation of the EU's e-READI Project</li> </ul>

### **Activity 1.2.5 Strengthening Public-Private Cooperation**

Activity 1.2.5	Strengthening Public-Private Cooperation
Main Beneficiaries Engaged	ABAC, EABC, ATFJCC, ASEC
Tasks Status	<ul> <li>Coordinated with ASEAN's private sector, particularly within the ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ABAC), the Thai ABAC Chair, the EU-ASEAN Business Advisory Council (EABC), and the ASEC's Enterprise &amp; Stakeholders Engagement Division in order to advance private sector engagement with ASEAN institutions.</li> </ul>

Activity 1.2.5	Strengthening Public-Private Cooperation		
	Status: ongoing		
	<ul> <li>Delivered a PowerPoint Presentation on ARISE Plus to the 6<sup>th</sup> NTM/NTB Steering Committee Meeting of ABAC and its various +1 and Associated Councils in Bangkok, Thailand on 21 January 2019. Particular focus was placed on the activities under Component 1, notably the process of ATR/NTRs operationalization, regulatory transparency and streamlining of NTMs, and the extension of ASSIST to Trade in Services, as well as the improvement of ASSIST's 'anonymity features'.</li> </ul>		
	Status: completed		
	<ul> <li>Supported the 1<sup>st</sup> Informal Dialogue Session between the ASEAN Secretariat and the ASEAN Business Councils, which was held in Jakarta on 21-22 February 2019.</li> </ul>		
	Status: completed		
Outputs Delivered	<ul> <li>The PowerPoint Presentation on ARISE Plus, delivered at the 6<sup>th</sup> NTM/NTB Steering Committee Meeting of ABAC and its various +1 and Associated Councils in Bangkok, Thailand on 21 January 2019.</li> </ul>		
Problems Encountered	• N.A.		
Lessons Learnt	• N.A.		
Resources	Category		
Mobilised	SNKE (working days)	14	
	Incidental (Euro)	€22,559.80	
Overall Result to- date	of creating greater awareness of increas	en systematically engaged for purposes on and utilization of ASSIST (see Activity ing its consultations with the relevant ily within the ATF-JCC and through the	

that hamper ASEAN economic integration.

informal Roundtable Discussions on Trade Facilitation (see Activity 1.2.2), and with a view to tackling more effectively the NTMs and NTBs

## **Sub-Component 1.3 'On-Demand' Activities**

#### **Actual Resources Used**

Sub Component 1.3	S-NKE	J-NKE	Incidentals
Total	0	0	€0

#### Outcome

Legal certainty, commercial predictability and trade facilitation are enhanced through specific ondemand support for, inter alia, self-certification of goods of ASEAN origin, the trade facilitation related activities of the ASEAN Consultative Committee on Connectivity, and the transposition of regional agreements at national level.

#### Activity 1.3.1 Assisting in the Implementation of an ASEAN-Wide Self-Certification of Origin Scheme

Activity 1.3.1	Assisting in the Implementation of an ASEAN-Wide Self-Certification of Origin Scheme
Main Beneficiaries Engaged	CCA, SCA-ROO, AMSs, Private Sector
Tasks Status	<ul> <li>This 'on demand' activity has not been activated by ASEAN and will be cancelled during AWP2 as a consequence of ASEAN having decided to receive this support from USAid's IGNITE Programme instead, within the broader scope of IGNITE's technical assistance on rules of origin</li> </ul>

#### **Activity 1.3.2 Supporting the ASEAN Connectivity Coordinating Committee (ACCC)**

Activity 1.3.2	Supporting the ASEAN Connectivity Coordinating Committee (ACCC)
Main Beneficiaries Engaged	ACCC, SEOM, ACCSQ, AMSs' Regulators
Tasks Status	<ul> <li>This 'on demand' activity has not been activated by ASEAN and will be cancelled during AWP2 as a consequence of SEOM having instructed ACCC not to proceed with the work on NTMs</li> </ul>

#### Activity 1.3.3 Supporting the Transposition of Regional Agreements at National Level

Activity 1.3.3	Supporting the Transposition of Regional Agreements at National Level
Main Beneficiaries	ASEC's LSAD and TFD, SEOM, CCA, ACCSQ and AMSs
Engaged	

Activity 1.3.3	Supporting the Transposition of Regional Agreements at National Level	
Tasks Status	This 'on demand' activity has not yet been activated by ASEAN and w be suspended during AWP2 in light of other priority support requested by ASEAN	

# Component 2.0: Standards and Conformity Assessment In Particular Healthcare and Agro-based Product

This component focusses on horizontal support for the ASEAN Committee on Standards and Quality (ACCSQ), continuing and advancing the progress made. Additionally, specific and comprehensive assistance is provided for two sectors; the Agro-based goods and Pharmaceuticals sectors. Component 2.0 comprises of 4 Sub-Components, each with a set of activities that reflect Technical Assistance mandated under the terms of reference of ARISE Plus for component 2.0.

Component 2.0	KE	S-NKE	J-NKE	Incidentals
Total	100	190	15	€87,025.23

## <u>Sub-Component 2.1 Supporting the Development of Quality Infrastructure and Related Policies in ASEAN</u>

#### **Actual Resources Used**

Sub Component 2.1	S-NKE	J-NKE	Incidentals
Total	23	0	€5,968.34

#### **Outcome**

Technical barriers to trade for intra-ASEAN trade are reduced through the adoption of policies, mutual recognition arrangements, harmonisation of regulatory regimes and the development of the quality infrastructure and supporting mechanisms for market integration.

Activity 2.1.1 Supporting ACCSQ to Implement the 2016-2025 ASEAN Strategic Plan for Standards and Conformance

Activity 2.1.1	Supporting ACCSQ to Implement the 2016-2025 ASEAN Strategic Plan for Standards and Conformance		
Main Beneficiaries engaged	ACCSQ, Product Working Groups under ACCSQ and Regulatory Agencies in ASEAN.		
Tasks status (ongoing, completed)	<ul> <li>Completed the development of the ASEAN General Principles for Harmonisation of Regulatory Regimes. Following a discussion held during a workshop for the ACCSQ held on December 10<sup>th</sup> 2019, on the margins of the ACCSQ's 50<sup>th</sup> meeting, the revised draft incorporating inputs from Member States was endorsed by the ACCSQ.</li> <li>Status: Completed</li> <li>Assisted the ACCSQ in the revision of ASEAN MRA Framework Agreement by proposing amendments to issues raised by Member States and discussions at the 50<sup>th</sup> ACCSQ Meeting.</li> <li>Status: Ongoing</li> <li>Continued to pursue the development of an on-going dialogue between CEN/CENELEC and ACCSQ. CEN/CENELEC official has communicated that ACCSQ has been placed in the list of partners that CEN/CENELEC will pursue the development of cooperation programmes.</li> <li>Status: Ongoing</li> </ul>		
Outputs delivered	ASEAN General Principles for Harmonisation of Regulatory Regimes (ANNEX 12)		
Problems encountered	<ul> <li>Slow progress on establishing the development of a stronger link between ACCSQ and the CEN/CENELEC Management Centre.</li> </ul>		
Lessons learnt	<ul> <li>The quick finalisation of the ASEAN General Principles for Harmonisation of Regulatory Regimes was possible as the comments and concerns raised by Member States on the draft were effectively addressed with supporting explanatory notes.</li> <li>More efforts are needed to assist ACCSQ on deliberating the proposed development of a link between ACCSQ and the CEN/CENELEC Management Centre.</li> </ul>		
Resources Mobilised	Category SNKE (working days) 0		
	Incidental (Euro) €3,522.73		

Progress in the development of the ASEAN General Principles for Harmonisation of Regulatory Regimes has been quicker than anticipated. Further work on the development of the monitoring system for the ACCSQ's Strategic Plan is now undertaken by ASEAN Integration Monitoring Directorate (AIMD). The development of the development of the CEN/CENELEC dialogue is ongoing. Both ACCSQ and CEN CENELEC need to further discuss on the next step following the 1<sup>st</sup> Dialogue Meeting

Activity 2.1.2 Supporting Mutual Recognition of Conformity Assessment and Harmonisation of Technical Regulations

Activity 2.1.2	Supporting Mutual Recognition of Conformity Assessment and Harmonisation of Technical Regulations	
Main Beneficiaries engaged	ASEAN Consultative Committee on Standards and Quality (ACCSQ), ASEAN Product Working Groups Implementing Mutual Recognition Arrangements, Member States' regulatory agencies, ASEAN accreditation bodies and National Accreditation Focal Points.	
Tasks status (ongoing, completed)	<ul> <li>Assisted the ACCSQ in the review of the 1998 ASEAN Framework         Agreement on MRAs. Developed a new draft which was reviewed at the         December 10<sup>th</sup> ACCSQ Workshop.         Status: On going</li> </ul>	
Outputs delivered	<ul> <li>Revised draft of the ASEAN MRA Framework Agreement. (ANNEX 13)</li> <li>Presentation at the Dec 10 2019 Workshop on the revision of the Framework MRA</li> </ul>	
Problems encountered	<ul> <li>The finalisation of the draft has been delayed as additional concerns on the draft have been raised by the Legal Services and Agreements Directorate (LSAD) of the ASEAN Secretariat.</li> </ul>	
Lessons learnt	<ul> <li>It would be useful to have some consultation with the legal affairs section at an earlier stage when assisting the development of ASEAN Agreements</li> </ul>	
Resources	Category	
Mobilised	SNKE (working days)	0
	Incidental (Euro)	€0

Overall result to-	The final endorsement of the revised ASEAN MRA Framework Agreement
date	has been delayed due to the concerns raised by Member States
	representatives to the ACCSQ and inputs from LSAD.

**Activity 2.1.3 Strengthening Conformity Assessment and Accreditation** 

Activity 2.1.3	Strengthening Conformity Assessment and Accreditation		
Main Beneficiaries engaged	National Accreditation Bodies and National Accreditation Focal Points in Member States, Working Group 2.		
Tasks status (ongoing, completed)	<ul> <li>Developed a proposal for establishment of a framework for cooperation between National accreditation bodies for capacity development, harmonisation of procedures and sharing of resources. This is currently under consideration by WG 2 Status: Ongoing</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Obtained agreement of WG 2 at its April 2019 Meeting for a Joint Workshop with the Experts Group on Organic Agriculture for the harmonisation and mutual recognition of Certification of Organic Agriculture in ASEAN. Workshop to be held 0n 8-9 September 2019 Status: Ongoing</li> </ul>		
Outputs delivered	<ul> <li>Proposal for the establishment of a framework for Cooperation between National Accreditation Bodies. (Initiatives for Collaboration between National Accreditation Bodies- presentation at 36th WG meeting)</li> <li>Proposal for Harmonisation of Accreditation and Certification Requirements for Organic Agriculture</li> <li>Short term experts report: Enhancing Cooperation Between ASEAN Accreditation (ANNEX 14)</li> </ul>		
Problems encountered	<ul> <li>The wide variation in the level of development of Member States accreditation systems makes it more difficult to establish common objectives for cooperation.</li> <li>The response to develop specific cooperation initiatives for cooperation between national accreditation bodies was poor and no clear commitment was obtained from WG 2.</li> </ul>		
Lessons learnt	More discussions between Member States would be needed to establish common objectives for cooperation on accreditation.		
Resources Mobilised	Category  SNKE (working days) 23 Incidental (Euro) €2,445.61		
Overall result to- date			

all arrangements in place for the development of detailed arrangements.

**Activity 2.1.5 Enhancing Co-ordination across ASEAN Sectoral Working Groups** 

Activity 2.1.5	Enhancing Co-ordination Across ASEAN Sectoral Working Groups		
Main Beneficiaries engaged	ACCSQ, ASEAN Committee on Consumer Protection (ACCP), ACCSQ WG3, the Committee on Science and Technology (COST) and its Experts' Group on Metrology, Health Cluster 4, ASEAN Sectoral Working Groups on Crops, on Fisheries and on Livestock, Prepared Foodstuffs Product Working Group for Food Safety, the Pharmaceutical Products Working Group, Health Cluster 3.		
Tasks status (ongoing, completed)	<ul> <li>Obtained agreement of the Experts Group on Organic Agriculture for the joint development of harmonisation of certification requirements and mutual recognition with the Working Group 2 at its March 2019 meeting.</li> <li>Status: On going</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Obtained agreement Working Group 2 for the joint development of harmonisation of certification requirements and mutual recognition with the Experts Group on Organic Agriculture at its April 2019 meeting.</li> <li>Status: On going</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Organised Workshop of the AFSRF Task Force on 28 - 29 January with involvement of the PFPWG from the economic sector, Working Group from the agriculture sector and representation from the health sector (cluster 4).</li> </ul>		
	Status: On going		
	<ul> <li>Initiated the joint development of food and feed traceability guidelines between the health, agriculture and economic sectors.</li> </ul>		
Outputs	<ul> <li>Revised Version of the AFSRF Agreement (4<sup>th</sup> draft)</li> </ul>		
delivered	<ul> <li>Revised version of the Terms of Reference of the ASEAN Food Safety Coordinating Committee (ANNEX 15)</li> </ul>		
Problems encountered	<ul> <li>The tight schedules and unavailability of Secretariat Officers due to frequent meetings out of Jakarta make scheduling coordination meetings difficult</li> </ul>		
Lessons learnt	<ul> <li>Plans have to incorporate discussions and exchange of views through electronic means to overcome the unavailability of secretariat officers.</li> </ul>		
Resources	Category		
Mobilised	SNKE (working days) 0		
	Incidental (Euro) €0		

Overall result todate The efforts of ARISE Plus have resulted in the continued development of cross-cutting initiatives on food safety and on organic agriculture.

## <u>Sub-Component 2.2 Supporting the Harmonisation of Standards and Compliance to International Standards</u>

#### **Actual Resources Used**

Sub Component 2.2	S-NKE	J-NKE	Incidentals
Total	18	0	€532.19

#### Outcome

Market integration advanced with the increased number of standards harmonised in ASEAN that are aligned with international standards which are adopted by regulatory authorities and referenced by ASEAN businesses and industry.

### **Activity 2.2.1 Supporting Harmonisation of Standards**

Activity 2.2.1	Supporting Harmonisation of Standards
Main Beneficiaries engaged	Working Group 1 of the ACCSQ, Product working groups, National Standards Bodies in Member States, Trade and Industry in ASEAN and regulatory agencies in Member States
Tasks status (ongoing, completed)	<ul> <li>Planned and organised a workshop is in conjunction with the November 2018 meeting of Working Group 1 to discuss implementation of new initiatives for the enhancement harmonisation of standards in ASEAN.</li> <li>Status: On going</li> </ul>
	Developed a Concept Paper Recommendations for Increasing     Effectiveness of Harmonisation of Standards in ASEAN
Outputs delivered	<ul> <li>Workshop on Enhancing Harmonization of Standards in ASEAN22 – 23 November 2018, Bangkok, Thailand</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Concept Paper: Recommendations for Increasing Effectiveness of Harmonisation of Standards in ASEAN (ANNEX 16)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Final Report by Short Term Expert: Enhancing the harmonisation of Standards in ASEAN (ANNEX 17)</li> </ul>
Problems encountered	<ul> <li>The differing approaches of Member States to standardisation with regard to use of international standards impacts the target of establishing more harmonised standards.</li> </ul>
Lessons learnt	<ul> <li>It is recommended that ASEAN Member States to relook at the fundamental approaches towards harmonising standards and or directly using international standards as the policies that are being pursued are</li> </ul>

Activity 2.2.1	Supporting Harmonisation of Standards	
	more than 20 years old; conditions at international and national policies on standards have changed.	
Resources Category		
Mobilised	SNKE (working days) 1	.8
	Incidental (Euro) €	532.19

Overall	result to-
date	

 Working Group 1 has recognised that the current process for the harmonisation of standards needs to be reviewed in order to increase the rate and number of harmonised standards that are available. A second workshop that has been proposed will be implemented in the next plan period to consider a revised process. The objectives for increasing the rate of harmonisation are only expected to be achieved upon adoption of the revised processes.

## <u>Sub-Component 2.3 Supporting the Market Integration and Enhancing Food Safety in Agro-based Sector</u>

#### **Actual Resources Used**

Sub Component 2.3	S-NKE	J-NKE	Incidentals
Total	149	15	€79,787.77

#### **Outcome**

Reduced barriers for trade in food products and essential food safety levels ensured across AMS through the establishment of an integrated regulatory framework for food safety based on harmonised standards and measures.

#### Activity 2.3.1 Developing and Implementing a Regulatory Framework for Food Safety

Activity 2.3.1	Developing and Implementing a Regulatory Framework for Food Safety
Main Beneficiaries engaged	PFPWG, Health Cluster 4, ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on crops, on fisheries an on livestock
Tasks status (ongoing, completed)	<ul> <li>Organised and conducted the third workshop on 28-29<sup>th</sup> January 2019 to deliberate on the 3rd<sup>nd</sup> draft ASEAN Food Safety Regulatory Framework Agreement.</li> </ul>

Activity 2.3.1	Developing and Implementing a Regulatory Framework for Food Safety	
	Status : Completed	
	<ul> <li>Revised the draft of the ASEAN Food Safety Regulatory Framework         Agreement, incorporating the results and decision of the third worksho         of the AFSRFA Task Force and subsequent comments received from Task         Force Members.</li> </ul>	
	Status : Ongoing	
	<ul> <li>Assisted the ASEAN Secretariat in development of the Terms of Reference of the ASEAN Food Safety Coordinating Committee and developing the implementation process for the protocols to the AFSRF Agreement.</li> <li>Status: Ongoing</li> </ul>	
Outputs		
delivered	<ul> <li>Third workshop on 28-29<sup>th</sup> January 2019 to deliberate on the 3rd<sup>nd</sup> draft ASEAN Food Safety Regulatory Framework Agreement.</li> <li>Fourth draft of the AFSRF Agreement that has been now circulated to Member States for domestic consultation.</li> <li>Terms of Reference for the ASEAN Food Safety Committee incorporating processes for the development and implementation of the protocols to the agreement. (ANNEX 15)</li> </ul>	
Problems encountered	<ul> <li>The discussion on reaching a consensus at the task force the Terms of Reference of the ASEAN Food Safety Committee took more time than expected due to differing perceptions on the role and authority of the task force.</li> </ul>	
Lessons learnt	<ul> <li>More time and efforts could be allocated at an early stage on explaining concepts, recommended arrangements and policies would assist in developing ASEAN agreements.</li> </ul>	
Resources	Category	
Mobilised	SNKE (working days) 0	
	Incidental (Euro) €27,445.42	
Overall result to- date	The development of the AFSRF Agreement is on track and it is anticipated that the AFSRF Task Force will be able to endorse this by	

the end of 2019.

Activity 2.3.2 Implementing the MRA on Inspection and Certification Systems of Food Hygiene for Prepared Foodstuffs

Activity 2.3.2	Implementing the MRA on Inspection and Certification Systems of Food Hygiene for Prepared Foodstuffs		
Main Beneficiaries engaged	Prepared Foodstuffs Product Working Group (PFPWG) and Members State's food safety regulators		
Tasks status (ongoing, completed)	<ul> <li>Developed a complete set of draft implementation procedures for the implementation of the MRA on Food Hygiene for review by the Members of the Joint Sectoral Committee.         Status: Completed     </li> <li>Organized and conducted a workshop for the PFPWG to deliberate on draft procedures for implementation of the ASEAN Sectoral MRA on Inspection and Certification Systems of Food Hygiene for Prepared Foodstuffs (19 -21 March 2019).         Status: Completed     </li> <li>Completed the revision of the full set of the draft procedures for the implementation of the MRA on Food Hygiene based on the decisions of the March 2019 workshop.</li> <li>Status: Completed</li> </ul>		
Outputs delivered	<ul> <li>Draft procedures for the Joint Sectoral Committee for the MRA on Food Hygiene defining the process and responsibilities for implementation of the MRA. (ANNEX 18)</li> <li>SNKE Report for Activity - Implementing the MRA on Inspection and Certification Systems for Food Hygiene for Prepared Foodstuffs (ANNEX 19)</li> </ul>		
Problems encountered	<ul> <li>The large difference between Member States food hygiene regulations create additional barriers to implementation of mutual recognition.</li> <li>Additional work is required to establish minimum criteria for each type of food hygiene inspection and certification to overcome this barrier.</li> </ul>		
Lessons learnt	<ul> <li>The implementation of an MRA requires corresponding initiatives to establish a minimum level of harmonisation of regulatory requirements.</li> </ul>		
Resources Mobilised	Category  SNKE (working days) 50  Incidental (Euro) €39,064.24		
Overall result to- date	<ul> <li>The development of the procedu schedule. Further work is requi Committee assist it in establishi</li> </ul>	·	

implementation in terms of product categories and types of inspections and certifications.

**Activity 2.3.3 Supporting the ASEAN Risk Assessment Centre for Food Safety** 

Activity 2.3.3	Supporting the ASEAN Risk Assessment Centre for Food Safety
Main Beneficiaries engaged	ARAC, Health Cluster 4 (Ensuring Food Safety), ASEAN Food Safety Regulators.
Tasks status (ongoing, completed)	<ul> <li>Supported ARAC to conduct a review of its operations with a view of strengthening its operations and role in the ASEAN Food Safety Regulatory Framework in October 2019.</li> <li>Status: Completed</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Assisted the ARAC Secretariat in the identification and initiation of new a risk assessment areas for food safety and conducting a survey of Member States interests in risk assessment in October 2019.</li> </ul>
	Status: Completed
	<ul> <li>Supported a meeting of the Scientific Committee of ARAC on 8-9 March 2019. This panel meeting deliberated on and adopted the the first risk asssessment conducted by the ARAC Scientific Panel on aflatoxins in groundnuts and corn.</li> </ul>
	Status: Completed
Outputs delivered	<ul> <li>Risk Assessment Report of Aflatoxins in groundnuts and corn finalised at the Scientific Committee Meeting, 8-9<sup>th</sup> March 2019</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Review and Recommendations on the operations of ARAC Experts Report (ANNEX 20)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Results of Survey for the identification of new areas for risk assessment for ARAC (ANNEX 21)</li> </ul>
	• Experts Report and recommendations on the way forward (ANNEX 22)
Problems encountered	<ul> <li>The survey for identification of new areas for risk assessment provided limited information as some Member States did not respond to the questionnaire. The recommendation made s are based on the information that was available.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The progress of ARAC has been constrained by the limited staffing of ARAC and the absence of a clear programme of future work</li> </ul>
Lessons learnt	<ul> <li>As ARAC is a new concept for ASEAN, work needs to be focussed on improving coordination of ARAC's work with the work of other ASEAN Bodies that require risk assessment.</li> </ul>

Activity 2.3.3	Supporting the ASEAN Risk Assessment Centre for Food Safety		
	<ul> <li>Conducting a paper survey for new areas of activity would have been more successful if experts were to visit and hold discussions with risk managers in Member States.</li> </ul>		
Resources	Category	Category	
Mobilised	SNKE (working days) 4		
	Incidental (Euro) €6,860.5	9	
	incidental (Edio)	5	

The main achievement from this activity, has been that it has completed the first risk assessment. The limitations are that no new areas of work have yet to be identified and work initiated.

Activity 2.3.4 Supporting the Collection, Management and Harmonisation of Food Consumption Data to Strengthen Risk Assessment in ASEAN

Activity 2.3.4	Supporting the Collection, Management and Harmonisation of Food Consumption Data to Strengthen Risk Assessment in ASEAN	
Main Beneficiaries engaged	ASEAN Risk Assessment Centre, Health Cluster 4, Prepared Foodstuffs Product Working Group	
Tasks status (ongoing, completed)	<ul> <li>Proposed a workshop to discuss the harmonisation of food consumption data harmonisation in ASEAN. The date for this workshop is yet to be confirmed.</li> <li>Status: Ongoing</li> <li>Planned support to a food data collection programme in Viet Nam.</li> </ul>	
	Status: Ongoing	
	<ul> <li>Supported the mapping of food consumption data from the Malaysian Adult Nutrition Survey (MANS) 2014 using the FAO/WHO tools</li> </ul>	
	Status: Ongoing	
	<ul> <li>Supported the integration of the Lao National individual food consumption data to the GIFT</li> </ul>	
	Status: complete	
Outputs delivered	<ul> <li>Food Safety Experts Interim Report (ANNEX 23)</li> <li>Food Safety Experts' Report (ANNEX 22)</li> <li>Food Consumption Expert's Report (ANNEX 24)</li> </ul>	

Activity 2.3.4	Supporting the Collection, Management and Harmonisation of Food Consumption Data to Strengthen Risk Assessment in ASEAN		
Problems encountered	Support from food safety a desired level	uthorities in some AMS was not always at the	
Lessons learnt	<ul> <li>Efforts need to be made to increase awareness of the stakeholders of the importance of having harmonised systems for food consumption data in ASEAN.</li> </ul>		
Resources	Category		
Mobilised	SNKE (working days)	20	
	JNKE (working days)	15	
	Incidental (Euro)	€1,675.46	
Overall result to-	The activity is at an initial p	phase.	

Activity 2.3.5 Establishing Rapid Alert Systems for Food and Feed (RASFF) in Member States and integrating them in the ASEAN Rapid Alert Systems for Food and Feed (ARASFF)

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Activity 2.3.5	Establishing Rapid Alert Systems for Food and Feed (RASFF) in Member States and integrating them in the ASEAN Rapid Alert Systems for Food and Feed (ARASFF)
Main Beneficiaries engaged	ARASFF Steering Committee, PFPWG, Health Cluster 4 and the authorities responsible for food safety and agriculture in Member States.
Tasks status (ongoing, completed)	<ul> <li>Developed a concept paper and obtained endorsement from the ARASFF Steering Committee and the Health Sector 4 Committees for the development of an ASEAN Guideline on Traceability for Food. Followed up by the development of a preliminary draft for discussion Status: Ongoing</li> </ul>
Outputs delivered	<ul> <li>Concept Paper on the development of an ASEAN on the establishment of traceability system for food products along the Agri-food supply Chains. (ANNEX 25)</li> <li>Traceability Expert's Interim Report (ANNEX 26)</li> <li>Food Safety Experts' interim report (ANNEX 23)</li> <li>Food Safety experts report Establishing Rapid Alert Systems for Food and Feed (RASFF) in Member States and integrating them in the ASEAN Rapid Alert Systems for FOOD and Feed (ARASFF) (ANNEX 27)</li> </ul>

Activity 2.3.5	Establishing Rapid Alert Systems for Food and Feed (RASFF) in Member States and integrating them in the ASEAN Rapid Alert Systems for Food and Feed (ARASFF)		
Problems encountered	<ul> <li>There is a wide variation in the levels of implementation of traceability in food in ASEAN Member States ranging from mandatory requirements to voluntary systems.</li> </ul>		
Lessons learnt	<ul> <li>There is a need for Member States to deliberate on reaching on a consensus on common baseline requirements for traceability in the food chain.</li> </ul>		
Resources	Category		
Mobilised	SNKE (working days)	44	
	Incidental (Euro)	€634.77	

 The work on the development of an ASEAN Guideline on traceability is ongoing and the first draft of the guidelines under development will be deliberated in workshop planned to be held in 2019

**Activity 2.3.6 Strengthening ASEAN Cooperation on Organic Agriculture** 

Activity 2.3.6	Strengthening ASEAN Cooperation on Organic Agriculture
Main Beneficiaries engaged	SOM AMAF, the Experts Working Group on Organic Agriculture, the ASAN Sectoral Working Groups on Crops, on Fisheries and on Livestock and Working Group 2 of the ACCSQ.
Tasks status (ongoing, completed)	<ul> <li>Completed conducting a study on the status of Organic Agriculture Standards, Regulations and Certification in ASEAN Member States and presented the study to the Experts Group at its meeting in March 2019.</li> <li>Status: Completed</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Developed a proposal for the harmonisation of requirements for organic agriculture and the development of an MRA and presented to the Experts Group at its meeting in March 2019.</li> <li>Status: Completed</li> </ul>
Outputs delivered	<ul> <li>Report: Organic Agriculture Standards, Regulations Conformity         Assessment and Labelling in ASEAN Member States (ANNEX 28)</li> <li>Proposal: ASEAN Mutual Recognition Arrangement for Organic         Agriculture production, certification and labelling (An Outline) (ANNEX 29)</li> </ul>
Problems encountered	The Experts Group on Organic Agriculture requested an additional workshop for deliberations on the options available for progressing with

Activity 2.3.6	Strengthening ASEAN Cooperation on Organic Agriculture			
	its plans for harmonisation of requirements and development of an MRA. This delayed the proposed joint workshop with Working Group 2 that was planned.			
Lessons learnt	<ul> <li>Flexibility in the planned programmes for implementation is required to accommodate Member States decisions on implementation.</li> </ul>			
Resources	Category			
Mobilised	SNKE (working days)	15		
	Incidental (Euro)	€3,472.52		

- The main achievement from this activity are that the Experts Group for Organic Agriculture has agreed to work together with Working Group 2 to harmonise certification requirements for Organic Agriculture.
- The Experts Group for Organic Agriculture has endorsed the concept paper that identifies the issues that have to be resolved for harmonisation of requirements and mutual recognition of organic agriculture certification.

### **Activity 2.3.7 Training in Food Safety**

Activity 2.3.7	Training in Food Safety
Main Beneficiaries engaged	Food Safety Regulatory Agencies in ASEAN Member States, Prepared Foodstuffs Working Group, Health Cluster 4, ASEAN Consumers
Tasks status (ongoing, completed)	<ul> <li>Completed an initial review of existing food safety training in ASEAN and listing of food safety training needs and training providers.         Status: Ongoing         </li> <li>Drafted a concept paper on ASEAN Education and Training Platform on Food Safety and Nutrition.         Status: Ongoing     </li> </ul>
Outputs delivered	<ul> <li>Food Safety Training Experts' Report (ANNEX 30)</li> <li>Experts Report Training in Food Safety (ANNEX 31)</li> </ul>
Problems encountered	<ul> <li>It was observed that there is no existing mechanism for ASEAN Member</li> <li>States to share information or coordinate training on food safety.</li> </ul>
Lessons learnt	<ul> <li>Future efforts must focus on establishing a sustainable mechanism for ASEAN Member States to share information and coordinate training to support common targets for food safety</li> </ul>

Activity 2.3.7	Training in Food Safety		
Resources	Category		
Mobilised	SNKE (working days)	16	
	Incidental (Euro)	€634.77	

Overall	result to-
date	

• This activity is at an initial phase.

## **Sub-Component 2.4 Support to the Pharmaceutical Sector**

#### **Actual Resources Used**

Sub Component 2.4	S-NKE	J-NKE	Incidentals
Total	0	0	€736.93

#### Outcome

The adoption of a common approach and agenda for pharmaceutical regulation that enhances the regulatory systems for pharmaceuticals in turn facilitating the production of pharmaceuticals and improving access to medicines in ASEAN.

#### **Activity 2.4.1 Strengthening the Pharmaceuticals Regulatory Framework**

Activity 2.4.1	Strengthening the Pharmaceuticals Regulatory Framework
Main Beneficiaries engaged	Pharmaceutical Product Working Group (PPWG), Health Cluster (2 and 3) under the ASEAN Health Ministers
Tasks status (ongoing, completed)	<ul> <li>Organised and conducted a brainstorming session for PPWG discuss the development of a regulatory framework for the pharmaceutical sector that will further integrate the market and enable implementation of the existing and new market integration initiatives in conjunction with the 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of the PPWG held on November 6 to 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018.</li> <li>Status: ongoing</li> <li>Developed a concept note for the establishment of an ASEAN Pharmaceutical Laboratory Network and sought comments from PPWG Members</li> <li>Status: ongoing</li> </ul>

Activity 2.4.1	Strengthening the Pharmaceuticals Regulatory Framework			
	<ul> <li>Developed a Concept note on the development of a Framework for Pharmaceutical Regulation in ASEAN and sought comments from PPWG Members</li> <li>Status: ongoing</li> </ul>			
Outputs delivered	<ul> <li>Brainstorming session for PPWG discuss the development of a regulatory framework for the pharmaceutical sector (ANNEX 32)</li> <li>Concept note for the establishment of an ASEAN Pharmaceutical Laboratory Network and sought comments from PPWG Members (ANNEX 33)</li> <li>Concept note on the establishment of a Framework for Pharmaceutical Regulation in ASEAN (ANNEX 34)</li> </ul>			
Problems encountered	<ul> <li>The proposed work on the implementation of the MRA on Bioequivalence could not be implemented as there was no response from the Pharmaceutical Working Group on requests for information on the specific needs.</li> <li>The agreement from the Pharmaceutical Product Working Group on the specific proposals to work on the development of a Framework for Pharmaceutical Regulation in ASEAN was delayed only achieved after two brainstorming sessions were conducted for the Working Group.</li> </ul>			
Lessons learnt	<ul> <li>More time should be allocated for discussions and deliberations when making proposals for major initiatives to be launched.</li> </ul>			
Resources Mobilised	Category  SNKE (working days)  Incidental (Euro)  €736.93			

The main achievement from this activity has been the agreement of the PPWG to embark upon two concrete market integration initiatives with the support of ARISE Plus: the development of a Framework for Pharmaceutical Regulation in ASEAN. This framework will integrate the existing initiatives on harmonisation of technical requirements, market authorisation and mutual arrangements for recognition on GMP and bioequivalence. In addition, the PPWG has agreed to embark on the development of a network of pharmaceutical laboratories.

## **Component 3.0: Customs, Transport and ACTS**

The planned interventions for Component 3 fall into three Sub Components, Customs, Transport and Transit (ACTS) and as such are reflected in the activities proposed below. These will build on the previous results and will lay the foundations for the implementation of facilitated environments for Customs and Transport within ASEAN

Component 3.0	KE	S-NKE	J-NKE	Incidentals
Total	114	762	0	€297,252.60

#### **Sub-component 3.1 Customs Measures**

#### **Actual Resources Used**

Sub Component 2.2	S-NKE	J-NKE	Incidentals
Total	55	0	€25,363.40

#### Outcome

Enhanced harmonisation of the Customs environment within ASEAN in support of the facilitation of ASEAN trade with more effective partnerships between Customs Authorities and the business community.

Activity 3.1.3 Supporting Development of Standard Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) Programmes and AEO Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRA) in ASEAN (SPCD 07)

Activity 3.1.3	Supporting Development of Standard Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) Programmes and AEO Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRA) in ASEAN (SPCD 07)		
Main Beneficiaries engaged		Directors-General, Customs Coordinating ng Groups and the Transit Transport	
Tasks status (ongoing, completed)	<ul> <li>A 5-day capacity building workshop on the development and maintenance of Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) programmes in ASEAN was held from 24-28 September 2018, as reported in the second six-monthly report of ARISE Plus. ASEAN has declined the offer of ARISE Plus support for the development of Mutual Recognition Arrangements of AEO (MRA-AEO), so this activity has now been suspended.</li> <li>Status: completed.</li> </ul>		
Outputs delivered	No outputs were delivered under this activity in this reporting period.		
Problems encountered	<ul> <li>ASEAN has declined the offer of ARISE Plus support to develop the proposed MRA-AEO, so this activity has now been suspended. The study determining the feasibility of an ASEAN MRA on AEO was conducted internally by ASEAN Member States on a "resource-light" approach and did not require support from external partners. The study is now completed and the Feasibility Study Group (FSG) is recommending the establishment of the Sub-Working Group to look into the proposed ASEAN AEO-MRA on a pathfinder approach by 2020. The ASEAN Secretariat is seeking the views of EU ARISE Plus and other dialogue partners on possible support they may provide to the proposed SWG.</li> </ul>		
Lessons learnt	<ul> <li>Technical support is only possible with the support and agreement of counterparts.</li> </ul>		
Resources	Category		
Mobilised	SNKE (working days)	0	
	Incidental (Euro)	€0	
	4654414		
Overall result to- date	ASEAN Member States now have additional capacity to implement Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) Programmes, based on the capacity building delivered by ARISE Plus.		

Activity 3.1.5 Assistance to Narrowing the Development Gap in Customs (SPCD 13)

Activity 3.1.5	Assistance to Narrowing the Development Gap in Customs (SPCD 13)		
Main Beneficiaries engaged	(ASEAN Secretariat, ASEAN Customs Directors-General, Customs Coordinating Committee (CCC) and its Working Groups, the Transit Transport Coordinating Board (TTCB).		
Tasks status (ongoing, completed)	<ul> <li>Following the gap analysis carried out under the previous period, two Customs capacity building training events were held to support the development of intelligence and investigation functions for Customs Officers in the Customs Authorities of Cambodia (4-7 December 2018) and Myanmar (19-22 March 2019).</li> <li>Status: Ongoing. One further intelligence and investigation workshop is</li> </ul>		
	planned for officers of Lao PDR Customs Authority from 7-10 May 2019.  Additional support is to be provided under this activity as set out in the ARISE Plus AWP2.		
Outputs delivered	<ul> <li>Conducted two capacity building workshops in the development of intelligence and investigation functions for Customs Officers of Cambodia and Myanmar; interim reports by short-term experts are attached at annexes ANNEX 35, ANNEX 36, and ANNEX 37. The workshop reports and other outputs from this activity are attached to these reports (ANNEX 38)</li> </ul>		
Problems encountered	<ul> <li>The main problem encountered was difficulty in obtaining early authorisation from EU Delegation for simultaneous interpretation for the planned workshops, leading to a delay in the workshop planned for Lao PDR Customs Authority.</li> </ul>		
Lessons learnt	<ul> <li>The two workshops delivered were well received, the counterpart participants were very willing and committed, and AMS were very keen for this proposed technical assistance from ARISE Plus to continue;</li> <li>It was particularly valuable to have the participation as presenter of a senior investigation and intelligence officer from Indonesia Customs.</li> </ul>		
Resources	Category		
Mobilised	SNKE (working days) 55 Incidental (Euro) €25,363.40		
	111010 (E010)		
Overall result to- date	<ul> <li>Customs officers from Cambodia and Myanmar now have additional expertise in the intelligence and investigation functions, in line with international standards and the principles of the World Customs Organisation (WCO).</li> </ul>		

## **Sub-component 3.2 Transport Measures**

#### **Actual Resources Used**

Sub Component 3.2	S-NKE	J-NKE	Incidentals
Total	106	0	€80,817.26

#### Outcome

An enhanced cross-border transport environment implemented within ASEAN, for the benefit of the private sector cross-border trading community and passengers.

Activity 3.2.1 Operationalising the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit (AFAFGIT) and the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Inter-State Transport (AFAFIST)

Activity 3.2.1	Operationalising the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit (AFAFGIT) and the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Inter-State Transport (AFAFIST)
Main Beneficiaries engaged	ASEAN Transit Transport Coordinating Board (TTCB), National Transit Transport Coordinating Committees (NTTCC), ASEAN Senior Transport Officials (STOM), ASEAN Transport Facilitation Working Group and ASEAN Secretariat; the ASEAN Federation of Forwarders Associations (AFFA)
Tasks status (ongoing, completed)	<ul> <li>Good progress is being made in implementation of the ASEAN Customs Transit System (ACTS), which acts as a catalyst for the operationalisation of AFAFGIT and AFAFIST.</li> <li>Status: ongoing.</li> </ul>
Outputs delivered	<ul> <li>Protocol 7, Customs Transit System, of the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit (AFAFGIT) has now been ratified by all ASEAN Member States (AMS);</li> <li>Good progress is being made with the ratification of Protocol 2, Frontier Posts, of AFAFGIT; once six AMS have ratified protocol 2, the implementation of the planned live run of the ASEAN Customs Transit System (ACTS) pilot can commence;</li> <li>Plans have been made to upgrade ACTS functionality with the development of a Transport Management System (TMS) which would</li> </ul>
	facilitate the operationalisation of the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Inter-State Transport (AFAFIST).

Activity 3.2.1	Operationalising the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit (AFAFGIT) and the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Inter-State Transport (AFAFIST)		
Problems encountered	Delay by AMS in ratification of relevant protocols of AFAFGIT.		
Lessons learnt	<ul> <li>Senior level commitment within ASEAN Customs and Transport administrations is vital for the legal framework to be fully in place within agreed timescales.</li> </ul>		
Resources	Category		
Mobilised	SNKE (working days)	0	
	Incidental (Euro)	€28,599.72	

Prospects are good for the legal framework of AFAFGIT to be in place in time for the ACTS live run of the Pilot planned for 4Q 2019.

Activity 3.2.2 Supporting implementation of the Action Plan for the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Multi Modal Transport (AFAMT)

Activity 3.2.2	Supporting implementation of the Action Plan for the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Multi Modal Transport (AFAMT)
Main Beneficiaries engaged	ASEAN Transit Transport Coordinating Board (TTCB), National Transit Transport Coordinating Committees (NTTCC), ASEAN Senior Transport Officials (STOM), ASEAN Transport Facilitation Working Group and ASEAN Secretariat; the ASEAN Federation of Forwarders Associations (AFFA).
Tasks status (ongoing, completed)	<ul> <li>An Experts' Group Meeting was held on the Implementation of the AFAMT held in Vietnam from 18-22 February 2019. This event consisted of three segments:</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Workshop 1 (2 days) entitled 'Building Governmental Multimodal Capacity', targeted at government officials, provided professional capacity building on multimodal transport operations.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Workshop 2 (1 day) consisted of a joint Government and private sector workshop focused on how to better engage with industry on the implementation and operationalisation of AFAMT, with the assistance of the ASEAN Federation of Forwarders Associations (AFFA) to launch the 'Going Multimodal' program.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Workshop 3 (2 days) entitled 'Meeting on AFAMT' was designed to gather inputs from the private sector in developing the Implementation Framework for AFAMT and for private sector to discuss with Government officials the best practices for supporting the development of Implementation Framework'</li> </ul>

## **Activity 3.2.2** Supporting implementation of the Action Plan for the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Multi Modal Transport (AFAMT) Two short-term experts were engaged to progress this activity and facilitate the Experts' Group Meeting. The first expert was responsible for developing the Implementation Framework of AFAMT (currently in draft), a dashboard of multi-modal statistics and benchmarked logistical data (complete) and an economic impact analysis of implementation of a multimodal transport regime (complete). The second expert was responsible for developing the multi-modal capacity building environment in conjunction with AFFA, including the production of a multi-modal elearning module (complete). The status of this task is **ongoing** as further support from ARISE Plus is required for AMS to fully implement AFAMT. **Outputs** Final and interim ARISE Plus expert reports are at ANNEX 39 and ANNEX delivered Report and recommendations of Experts Group Meeting on the Implementation of the AFAMT held in Vietnam from 18-22 February 2019; The draft 'AFAMT Implementation Framework' (2016) updated to 2020-2025 based on the outcomes of the Viet Nam workshop, and supplemented by national-level action plans for implementation; further refinement is required by mid-June 2019 after AMS comments by 31 May 2019; The 'ASEAN Benchmarking Logistics Performance Dashboard'. Please follow the following link: https://app.powerbi.com/view?r=eyJrljoiM2JkOTVjNzktNDRiOC00NmE4LWJl OWEtMzFjNGIxOWIyY2FmIiwidCl6IjA2OWZmNjA5LWZmY2QtNDk0MS05Nm VhLWY10GVmYmIxNWEzNyIsImMi0jR9 ASEAN Study of the Economic Impact of Multimodal Transport; E-learning module on multi-modal transport (link in expert's report); Interim report from ARISE Plus expert engaged to develop Cambodia national multimodal transport law and regulations, attached at ANNEX 41. **Problems** Lack of functioning national-level multi-modal transport laws and encountered regulations in Cambodia, Malaysia, Brunei and Lao PDR, leading to additional assistance by ARISE Plus experts. **Lessons learnt** Senior level commitment within ASEAN Transport administrations is vital for the multi-modal legal framework to be fully in place within agreed timescales. Close liaison of Government Transport Agencies with Customs Authorities and with private sector operators is essential for progress to be made on facilitation of multi-modal logistics chains in ASEAN.

Activity 3.2.2	Supporting implementation of the Action Plan for the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Multi Modal Transport (AFAMT)	
Resources	Category	
Mobilised	SNKE (working days)	77
	Incidental (Euro)	€51,715.54
Overall result to- date	Good progress has been made in supporting the implementation of AFAMT, including the development of the Implementation Framework for AFAMT, and in supporting the development of national laws and regulations where required.	

Activity 3.2.3 Supporting the Implementation of the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of the Cross-Border Transport of Passengers by Road Vehicles (ASEAN-CBTP)

Activity 3.2.3	Supporting the Implementation of the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of the Cross-Border Transport of Passengers by Road Vehicles (ASEAN-CBTP)
Main Beneficiaries engaged	ASEAN Transit Transport Coordinating Board (TTCB), National Transit Transport Coordinating Committees (NTTCC), ASEAN Senior Transport Officials (STOM), ASEAN Transport Facilitation Working Group and ASEAN Secretariat; the ASEAN Federation of Forwarders Associations (AFFA).
Tasks status (ongoing, completed)	<ul> <li>Short-term expertise was engaged to develop revised Implementing Guidelines for the ASEAN-CBTP, an action plan for the CBTP Pilot and two CBTP procedural manuals, for the public and private sectors.</li> <li>Status: ongoing.</li> </ul>
Outputs delivered	<ul> <li>Expert interim report summarising CBTP support by ARISE Plus is at ANNEX 42; this report has 4 annexes:         <ul> <li>Revised draft Implementing Guidelines produced;</li> <li>Draft Action plan outline for a Pilot developed;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Outline draft procedural guides for the public and private sector to support implementation;</li> <li>Technical specifications developed of buses and coaches to be utilised under the ASEAN-CBTP; this document is at ANNEX 43.</li> </ul>
Problems encountered	<ul> <li>Various issues relating to the ASEAN-CBTP agreement needed to be clarified in implementing guidelines. Ratification by AMS of the CBTP agreement requires a long time.</li> </ul>
Lessons learnt	<ul> <li>Some of the provisions of the goods transport sector can be utilised for the development of passenger facilitation arrangements within ASEAN, for</li> </ul>

Activity 3.2.3	Supporting the Implementation of the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of the Cross-Border Transport of Passengers by Road Vehicles (ASEAN-CBTP)	
	example the pilot strategy and the use of transit transport routes and frontier offices for official control and clearance of passenger traffic.	
Resources Mobilised	Category  SNKE (working days) 5 Incidental (Euro) €251	

Overall result to-
date

Good progress has been made on developing the Implementation Guidelines for ASEAN-CBTP, and the stage is now set for the planned ASEAN-CBTP Pilot based on BIMP-EAGA geographical scope and expertise.

## **Sub-component 3.3 ACTS Implementation**

#### **Actual Resources Used**

Sub Component 3.3	S-NKE	J-NKE	Incidentals
Total	601	0	€191,071.94

#### Outcome

The ASEAN Customs Transit System (ACTS) installed and operating live within a ratified legal environment on the ASEAN north-south and east-west transit transport corridors.

Activity 3.3.1 Supporting Implementation of the ASEAN Customs Transit System (ACTS) Legal Framework

Activity 3.3.1	Supporting Implementation of the ASEAN Customs Transit System (ACTS)				
Main Beneficiaries engaged	ASEAN Customs Directors-General, ASEAN Senior Transport Officials (STOM), the Transit Transport Coordinating Board (TTCB), Customs Coordinating Committee (CCC) and its Working Groups, the ASEAN Federation of Forwarders Associations (AFFA), National Transit Transport Coordinating Committees (NTTCC), ASEAN Transport Facilitation Working Group and ASEAN Secretariat.				
Tasks status (ongoing, completed)	<ul> <li>Plans have been made to upgrade ACTS functionality with the development of a Transport Management System (TMS) which would facilitate the operationalisation of the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Inter-State Transport (AFAFIST);</li> <li>The status of this task is ongoing.</li> </ul>				

Activity 3.3.1	Supporting Implementation of the ASEAN Customs Transit System (ACTS)				
Outputs delivered	<ul> <li>Protocol 7, Customs Transit System, of the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit (AFAFGIT) has now been ratified by all ASEAN Member States (AMS);</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>Good progress is being made with the ratification of Protocol 2, Frontier Posts, of AFAFGIT; once six AMS have ratified protocol 2, the implementation of the planned live run of the ASEAN Customs Transit System (ACTS) pilot can commence;</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>The legal framework of ACTS is covered by AFAFGIT and its protocols. Some of these protocols are shared by ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Inter-State Transport (AFAFIST). As a result, plans have been developed by ARISE Plus made to upgrade ACTS functionality with the development of a Transport Management System (TMS) which would facilitate the operationalisation of the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Inter-State Transport (AFAFIST);</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>Expert final reports of the ACTS IT Team are shown at ANNEXES 44 - 51 of this report, along with the related outputs. NB: these reports and their 138 annexes refer collectively to activities 3.3.1 (ACTS legal framework support), 3.3.2 (support to MST roll-out of ACTS), 3.3.3 (support to CLMV roll-out of ACTS), 3.3.4 (support to Central Management Team) and 3.3.5 (ACTS functional upgrades).</li> </ul>				
Problems encountered	Delay by AMS in ratification of relevant protocols of AFAFGIT.				
Lessons learnt	<ul> <li>Senior level commitment within ASEAN Customs and Transport administrations is vital for the legal framework to be fully in place within agreed timescales.</li> </ul>				
Resources	Category				
Mobilised	SNKE (working days) 13				
	Incidental (Euro) €5,135.62				
Overall result to-	Prospects are good for the legal framework of AFAFGIT to be in place in time				

## Activity 3.3.2 Supporting the Full Roll-out of the ACTS in Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand (MST)

date

for the ACTS live run of the Pilot planned for February 2019.

Activity 3.3.2	Supporting the Full Roll-out of the ACTS in Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand (MST)			
Main	ASEAN Customs Directors-General; ASEAN Senior Transport Officials (STOM);			
Beneficiaries	the Transit Transport Coordinating Board (TTCB); Customs Coordinating			
engaged	Committee (CCC) and its Working Groups; the ASEAN Federation of			

Activity 3.3.2	Supporting the Full Roll-out of the ACTS in Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand (MST)			
	Forwarders Associations (AFFA); National Transit Transport Coordinating Committees (NTTCC); ASEAN Transport Facilitation Working Group and ASEAN Secretariat.			
Tasks status (ongoing, completed)	<ul> <li>A plan for running the ACTS MST pilot has been developed and agreed with AMS, along with proposed dates for refresher training needs and planned release dates for software updates;</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Good progress has been made in the collection of updated ACTS reference data;</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>A checklist of preparatory actions for the MST Pilot has been developed including liaison required with other stakeholders and the transport and insurance sectors, in addition to private sector actors;</li> </ul>			
	Status: ongoing.			
Outputs	<ul> <li>Strategy for running ACTS MST pilot developed;</li> </ul>			
delivered	<ul> <li>Good progress in collection of updated ACTS reference data in ACTS Customs Office List and ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature 2017;</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>A checklist of preparatory actions for the MST Pilot has been developed.</li> <li>This checklist is at annex 10;</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Expert final reports of the ACTS IT Team are shown at ANNEXES 44 - 51 of this report, along with the related outputs. NB: these reports and their 138 annexes refer collectively to activities 3.3.1 (ACTS legal framework support), 3.3.2 (support to MST roll-out of ACTS), 3.3.3 (support to CLMV roll-out of ACTS), 3.3.4 (support to Central Management Team) and 3.3.5 (ACTS functional upgrades).</li> </ul>			
Problems encountered	Delay by some AMS in ratification of relevant protocols of AFAFGIT.			
Lessons learnt	<ul> <li>Full participation of national ACTS Project Teams is vital if ACTS implementation is to be successfully sustained.</li> </ul>			
Resources	Category			
Mobilised	SNKE (working days) 13			
	Incidental (Euro) €0			
Overall result to- date	Prospects are good for the legal framework of AFAFGIT to be in place in time for the planned ACTS live run of the MST Pilot planned for 4Q 2019.			

## **Activity 3.3.3 Rolling Out of ACTS in CLMV countries**

Activity 3.3.3	Rolling Out of ACTS in CLMV countries			
Main Beneficiaries engaged	ASEAN Customs Directors-General; ASEAN Senior Transport Officials (STOM); the Transit Transport Coordinating Board (TTCB); Customs Coordinating Committee (CCC) and its Working Groups; the ASEAN Federation of Forwarders Associations (AFFA); National Transit Transport Coordinating Committees (NTTCC); ASEAN Transport Facilitation Working Group and ASEAN Secretariat.			
Tasks status (ongoing, completed)	<ul> <li>An ACTS Information Notice has been prepared, for general distribution in pilot AMS;</li> <li>A plan for running ACTS CLMV pilot has been developed and agreed by AMS, along with refresher training needs and planned release dates for software updates;</li> <li>Good progress in collection of updated CLV ACTS reference data in the ACTS Customs Office List and the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2017;</li> <li>A checklist of preparatory actions for the CLV+T Pilot has been developed including liaison required with other stakeholders and the transport and insurance sectors, in addition to private sector actors;</li> <li>ACTS application training and testing has been completed in Vietnam, Cambodia and Lao PDR;</li> <li>ACTS has been successfully deployed in Vietnam and Cambodia. The operations guides for these countries are to be kept strictly confidential only within ARISE Plus and EU please;</li> <li>The status of this task is ongoing.</li> </ul>			
Outputs delivered	<ul> <li>The ACTS Information Notice, for general distribution in pilot countries, is at ANNEX 52;</li> <li>A strategy for running ACTS CLMV pilot has been developed and agreed, along with refresher training needs and planned release dates for software updates;</li> <li>Updated ACTS reference data has been collected in the ACTS Customs Office List and the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2017;</li> <li>A checklist of preparatory actions for the CLV+T Pilot has been developed including liaison required with other stakeholders and the transport and insurance sectors, in addition to private sector actors; this checklist is at ANNEX 53;</li> <li>ACTS application training and testing has been completed in Vietnam, Cambodia and Lao PDR;</li> </ul>			

Activity 3.3.3	Rolling Out of ACTS in CLMV countries				
	<ul> <li>ACTS has been successfully deployed in Vietnam and Cambodia. The operations guides for these countries are to be kept strictly confidentiationly within ARISE Plus and EU please;</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>Expert final reports of the ACTS IT Team are shown at ANNEXES 44 - 51 of this report, along with the related outputs. NB: these reports and their 138 annexes refer collectively to activities 3.3.1 (ACTS legal framework support), 3.3.2 (support to MST roll-out of ACTS), 3.3.3 (support to CLMV roll-out of ACTS), 3.3.4 (support to Central Management Team) and 3.3.5 (ACTS functional upgrades).</li> </ul>				
Problems encountered	<ul> <li>Delay by AMS in ratification of relevant protocols of AFAFGIT. Delays in some participating countries in setting up national ACTS Project Teams.</li> </ul>				
Lessons learnt	<ul> <li>Full participation of national ACTS Project Teams is vital if ACTS implementation is to be successfully sustained. Coordination with other stakeholders in transport and private sector is vital for project success also.</li> </ul>				
Resources	Category				
Mobilised	SNKE (working days) 375				
	Incidental (Euro)	€184,718.09			
Overall result to- date	Prospects are good for the planned ACTS live run of the CLV Pilot planned for 4Q 2019.				

**Activity 3.3.4 Developing the Capacity of the ACTS Central Management Team (CMT)** 

Activity 3.3.4	Developing the Capacity of the ACTS Central Management Team (CMT)			
Main Beneficiaries engaged	ASEAN Customs Directors-General; ASEAN Senior Transport Officials (STOM); the Transit Transport Coordinating Board (TTCB); Customs Coordinating Committee (CCC) and its Working Groups; the ASEAN Federation of Forwarders Associations (AFFA); National Transit Transport Coordinating Committees (NTTCC); ASEAN Transport Facilitation Working Group and ASEAN Secretariat.			
Tasks status (ongoing, completed)	<ul> <li>ARISE Plus in cooperation with the CMT has set up an ACTS training and testing environment hosted in the ASEAN region;</li> <li>ACTS training of the CMT has been delivered by ARISE Plus;</li> <li>The ACTS applications are now under the management of the CMT with technical and managerial support as needed from ARISE Plus. This will ensure that maintenance of the bespoke ACTS applications is not reliant on any one vendor. This strategy will also help to ensure future ACTS</li> </ul>			

Activity 3.3.4	Developing the Capacity of the ACTS Central Management Team (CMT)				
	system resilience by the transfer of knowledge, capacity and skills to ASEAN counterpart staff in the ACTS CMT;				
	<ul> <li>Collection and installation by CMT of the reference data required for ACTS Central Services is progressing well;</li> </ul>				
	Status: ongoing.				
Outputs delivered	<ul> <li>ARISE Plus in cooperation with the CMT has set up an ACTS training and testing environment hosted in the ASEAN region;</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>ACTS training of the CMT has be</li> </ul>	en delivered by ARISE Plus;			
	<ul> <li>The ACTS applications are now u</li> </ul>	nder the management of the CMT;			
	<ul> <li>Collection and installation by CMT of the reference data required for ACTS Central Services is progressing well;</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>Expert final reports of the ACTS IT Team are shown at ANNEXES 44 - 51 of this report, along with the related outputs. NB: these reports and their 138 annexes refer collectively to activities 3.3.1 (ACTS legal framework support), 3.3.2 (support to MST roll-out of ACTS), 3.3.3 (support to CLMV roll-out of ACTS), 3.3.4 (support to Central Management Team) and 3.3.5 (ACTS functional upgrades).</li> </ul>				
Problems encountered	Minor delays in the collection of ACTS reference data for the Reference Data System (RDS) in ACTS Central Services.				
Lessons learnt	<ul> <li>Full participation of the CMT is vital if ACTS implementation is to be successfully sustained.</li> </ul>				
Resources	Category				
Mobilised	SNKE (working days)	5			
	Incidental (Euro)	€0			
Overall result to- date	•	has been expanded to the extent that ned ACTS live run of the MST- CLMV Pilot			

**Activity 3.3.5 Carrying Out a Functional Upgrade of the ACTS** 

Activity 3.3.5	Carrying Out a Functional Upgrade of the ACTS				
Main Beneficiaries engaged	ASEAN Customs Directors-General; ASEAN Senior Transport Officials (STOM); the Transit Transport Coordinating Board (TTCB); Customs Coordinating Committee (CCC) and its Working Groups; the ASEAN Federation of Forwarders Associations (AFFA); National Transit Transport Coordinating Committees (NTTCC); ASEAN Transport Facilitation Working Group and ASEAN Secretariat.				
Tasks status (ongoing, completed)	<ul> <li>At the request of AMS, ARISE Plus has prepared formal change requestor the following:         <ul> <li>Introduction of an electronic message to notify all office of departs transit and destination in the event that a consignment has be stopped or turned back at an office of transit;</li> <li>Provision of facility for Customs officers to calculate the guaran amount in the national transit Application (NTA);</li> <li>Development of a Home Page in the NTA to allow monitoring Customs officers of messages, similar to the Home Page feature in Trader Portal (TP);</li> <li>Relocation within the ACTS declaration structure of ASEAN Go Vehicle Cross Border Permits (AGVCBP) from 'item' level to 'gene level;</li> <li>Online validation by ACTS at departure of ASEAN Goods Vehicle Cr Border Permits (AGVCBP);</li> <li>Introduce a 'copy goods item' feature for traders at declaration stawhere different consignments with similar data features are capture to ACTS.</li> <li>Proposed 3 additional ACTS IT subsystems with initial description tentative scope that includes transport (truck) movement monitor (Transport Monitoring System, TMS), organisation and management goods inspection activities and self-registration of traders in ACTS;</li></ul></li></ul>				
Outputs delivered	<ul> <li>Formal change requests developed and agreed with AMS for the following issues:         <ul> <li>Introduction of an electronic message to notify all office of departure, transit and destination in the event that a consignment has been stopped or turned back at an office of transit;</li> <li>Provision of facility for Customs officers to calculate the guarantee amount in the National Transit Application (NTA);</li> <li>Development of a Home Page in the NTA to allow monitoring by Customs officers of messages, similar to the Home Page feature in the Trader Portal (TP);</li> </ul> </li> </ul>				

Activity 3.3.5	Carrying Out a Functional Upgrade of the ACTS			
	<ul> <li>Relocation within the ACTS declaration structure of ASEAN Goods Vehicle Cross Border Permits (AGVCBP) from 'item' level to 'general' level;</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Online validation by ACTS at departure of ASEAN Goods Vehicle Cross Border Permits (AGVCBP);</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Introduce a 'copy goods item' feature for traders at declaration stage, where different consignments with similar data features are captured to ACTS.</li> </ul>			
	Three additional ACTS IT subsystems proposed;			
	<ul> <li>Expert final reports of the ACTS IT Team are shown at ANNEXES 44 - 51 of this report, along with the related outputs. NB: these reports and their 138 annexes refer collectively to activities 3.3.1 (ACTS legal framework support), 3.3.2 (support to MST roll-out of ACTS), 3.3.3 (support to CLMV roll-out of ACTS), 3.3.4 (support to Central Management Team) and 3.3.5 (ACTS functional upgrades).</li> </ul>			
Problems encountered	<ul> <li>No problems were encountered in this activity, which progressed with good cooperation from ASEAN Member States.</li> </ul>			
Lessons learnt	Recruitment of suitable ICT staff has been essential.			
Resources	Category			
Mobilised	SNKE (working days) 195			
	Incidental (Euro) €1,218.24			

There is a solid foundation for the functional upgrades to be applied to ACTS, along with an agreed mechanism for controlling the priority, impact and costs of such changes using the ACTS Change Management Board (CMB) which has been set up with the support of ARISE Plus.

# **Component 4.0: ASEAN Economic Integration Monitoring and Statistics**

Component 4.0	KE	S-NKE	J-NKE	Incidentals
Total	0	166	0	€42,157.08

## **Sub-component 4.1 ASEAN Economic Integration Monitoring**

#### **Actual Resources Used**

Sub Component 4.1	S-NKE	J-NKE	Incidentals
Total	45	0	€811.29

#### **Outcome**

Through the operationalisation of the AEC 2025 M&E Framework analysis, reporting and awareness on the progress of AEC integration facilitated and ASEAN research, capacity and awareness strengthened to facilitate the implementation of the AEC Blueprint 2025.

Activity 4.1.1 Developing an Internal ARISE Plus Monitoring System and an Integrated Monitoring Framework for ARISE Plus Regional and National Projects

Activity 4.1.1	Developing an Internal ARISE Plus Monitoring System and an Integrated Monitoring Framework for ARISE Plus Regional and National Projects
Main Beneficiaries Engaged	ARISE Plus TAT of regional project, EU Mission To ASEAN, ASEAN Integration Monitoring Division (AIMD)
Tasks status	<ul> <li>ARISE Plus regional project internal monitoring:</li> <li>Updated ARISE Plus regional project log frame (May 2019)         Status: ongoing     </li> <li>Implemented updated tools (feedback questionnaires) during current reporting period for all ARISE Plus regional project events, aligned to monitoring framework of project,</li> <li>Status: completed</li> <li>Gathered data for monitoring of efficiency of ARISE Plus regional project (reported in SMR3)</li> <li>Status: ongoing</li> </ul>

Activity 4.1.1	Developing an Internal ARISE Plus Monitoring System and an Integrated Monitoring Framework for ARISE Plus Regional and National Projects
	<ul> <li>Feedback mechanisms in conjunction with communication and outreach activities could not proceed due to suspension of communications and outreach NKE</li> </ul>
	Status: not commenced
	<ul> <li>Gathered data and undertook analysis of relevance of ARISE Plus regional project to SDGs 2, 3, 8, 9 and 17</li> </ul>
	Status: ongoing
	<ul> <li>Undertook analysis of ARISE Plus regional project structure and developed a results chain which was used to review and consolidate major outputs and results of the project for AWP2</li> </ul>
	Status: ongoing
	<ul> <li>Analysed and reported on monitoring findings of ARISE Plus regional project for second six-monthly period of AWP1 and for six-monthly periods 1, 2 and 3 for PSC presentation</li> </ul>
	Status: completed
	ARISE Plus regional and national projects monitoring and coordination:
	<ul> <li>Undertook consultations and discussions with TAT of ARISE Plus regional, ARISE Plus Indonesia, EUD Indonesia and relevant AMS EUDs; Meeting with ATFJCC, EUDs and ARISE Plus projects scheduled for September 2019</li> </ul>
	<ul><li>Status: ongoing</li><li>Other tasks pending meeting with ATFJCC</li></ul>
Outputs	ARISE Plus regional project internal monitoring:
delivered	<ul> <li>Updated logframe</li> <li>Data gathered for all 25 events during reporting period using updated feedback questionnaire (analysis reported in SMR3)</li> <li>Efficiency data gathered (analysis reported in SMR3)</li> <li>Brief summarising analysis of relevance of ARISE Plus to SDGs 2, 3, 8, 9 and 17</li> <li>ARISE Plus regional project results chain which was used to guide the drafting of AWP2 (reported in SMR3)</li> <li>Monitoring write-up for ARISE Plus regional project 3<sup>rd</sup> sixmonthly report (reported in SMR3)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Write up on progress made for subcomponent 4.1 for ARISE Plus regional project 3<sup>rd</sup> six-monthly report (reported in SMR3)</li> </ul>
Problems encountered	<ul> <li>Progress could not be made on outreach and visibility of results generated by internal monitoring due to the suspension of communications and outreach NKE</li> </ul>

Activity 4.1.1	Developing an Internal ARISE Plus Monitoring System and an Integrated Monitoring Framework for ARISE Plus Regional and National Projects		
	<ul> <li>Feedback mechanisms in conjunction with communication and outreach activities could not proceed due to the suspension of communications and outreach NKE</li> <li>Limited progress was made in the monitoring and coordination of the ARISE Plus regional and national projects due to the delay in commencement of some of the national projects and delay in scheduling of the coordination meeting</li> </ul>		
Lessons learnt	<ul> <li>The M&amp;E framework has been applied at all levels of the project (events, activities and components) to enable a consistent approach to monitoring and reporting</li> <li>The development of a results chain model for the project has helped to consolidate and simplify major outputs and results and support the design of AWP2</li> </ul>		
Resources	Category		
Mobilised	SNKE (working days)	14	
	Incidental (Euro)	€0	
Overall result to-date	Enhanced management and decision making in the ARISE Plus regional project through a robust internal monitoring system		
	Integrated monitoring framework established to enable coherence and coordination between the national and regional ARISE Plus projects.		

Activity 4.1.2 Supporting Implementation of AEC 2025 M&E Framework

Activity 4.1.2	Supporting Implementation of AEC 2025 M&E Framework
Main Beneficiaries Engaged	Monitoring, Surveillance and Coordination Division (MSCD) and ASEC Statistics Division (ASEANstats) of the ASEAN Integration Monitoring Directorate (AIMD), ASEC Standards and Conformance Division (SCD), ASEC Science and Technology Division (S&T), ASEAN Consultative Committee for Standards and Quality (ACCSQ), ASEAN Smart Cities Network (ASCN)
Tasks status	<ul> <li>Supported AIMD to enhance the Country Visit process in AEC Compliance monitoring. The outputs generated by ARISE+ during SMR2, including capacity building materials and documents with procedures and guidelines, have been operationalised by AIMD and adopted for the country visit that was undertaken to Malaysia in December 2018. (AEC compliance monitoring)</li> <li>Status: completed</li> </ul>

Activity 4.1.2	Supporting Implementation of AEC 2025 M&E Framework
Activity 4.1.2	<ul> <li>Enhanced the synergy of monitoring and evaluation (M&amp;E) and reporting across regional, national and sectoral level and concrete follow up to the broader AEC M&amp;E monitoring efforts through further development of the M&amp;E Mechanism for the ASEAN Standards and Conformance Strategic Plan 2016-2025 of the ACCSQ. The draft M&amp;E Mechanism was presented at the 50<sup>th</sup> meeting of the ACCSQ held on 11-13 December 2018 and was agreed in principle by the ACCSQ.</li> <li>Status: ongoing</li> <li>Based on the request made at the 50<sup>th</sup> meeting of the ACCSQ, ARISE+ supported SCD and AIMD to develop detailed components of the M&amp;E mechanism for the ASEAN Standards and Conformance Strategic Plan 2016-2025 of the ACCSQ focussing on the draft template for collecting outcome monitoring data (including baseline data) and definitions and guidelines. (AEC outcome monitoring).</li> <li>Status: ongoing</li> <li>ARISE+ supported SCD in assessing the ACCSQ's existing key performance indicators for Strategic Thrust 1 and in developing a list of prioritised outcome indicators.</li> <li>Status: ongoing</li> <li>Based on a demand driven request from AIMD to fast-track support for the conduct of the mid-term review (MTR) of the AECB, ARISE plus provided technical assistance including: conducted relevant background research on MTR's by similar regional organisations, conducted and facilitated a brainstorming workshop</li> <li>Status: completed</li> </ul>
Outputs delivered	<ul> <li>Enhanced Country Visit process</li> <li>M&amp;E Mechanism concept paper approved in principle at the 50<sup>th</sup> meeting of the ACCSQ</li> <li>Draft template for collecting outcome monitoring data (including baseline data) and accompanying definitions and guidelines for the M&amp;E mechanism of the ASEAN Standards and Conformance Strategic Plan 2016-2025 of the ACCSQ</li> <li>List of prioritised outcome indicators from existing key performance indicators for Strategic Thrust 1 of the ASEAN Standards and Conformance Strategic Plan 2016-2025</li> <li>NKE reports and presentation material in support of the preparation of the Concept Note for the mid-term review of the AECB (ANNEX 54, ANNEX 55 and ANNEX 56)</li> </ul>
Problems encountered	<ul> <li>Concept note for the engagement of private sector will be developed in AWP2, in alignment with the timing cycle of the MTR of the AECB</li> </ul>

Activity 4.1.2	Supporting Implementation of AEC	2025 M&E Framework	
Lessons learnt	<ul> <li>EU best practices contributed to the enhancement of the country visit process, development of the M&amp;E mechanism and the concept note of the MTR of the AECB</li> <li>Qualitative M&amp;E approaches (conducting key informant interviews and focus group discussions) were of added value to the country visit process. During AWP2, qualitative data analysis will be undertaken as a follow-up under activity 4.1.3.</li> </ul>		
Resources	Category		
Mobilised	SNKE (working days)	30	
	Incidental (Euro)	€811.29	
Overall result	Operationalisation of the ASEAN M&E framework was supported for		
to-date	compliance and outcome monitoring and in developing the scope of the		

Activity 4.1.3 Demand-driven Support for Research, Capacity Building and Outreach Activities to Assist the Implementation of the AEC Blueprint 2025

mid-term review.

Activity 4.1.3	Demand-driven Support for Research, Capacity Building and Outreach Activities to Assist the Implementation of the AEC Blueprint 2025
Main Beneficiaries Engaged	Monitoring, Surveillance and Coordination Division (MSCD) and ASEC Statistics Division (ASEANstats) of the ASEAN Integration Monitoring Directorate (AIMD)
Tasks status	<ul> <li>Provided on-demand assistance to develop a concept note outlining suitable best-practices, approach and methodology for the AECB MTR. This is further detailed in 4.1.2</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Status: ongoing</li> <li>Commenced preparatory activity for on-demand assistance to develop AIMD's research publications ASEAN Integration Report (AIR) including the sourcing and contracting of a service provider for copy-editing, design and typesetting which will be continued under AWP2</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Status: ongoing</li> <li>Commenced preparatory work for the enhancement of the AEC Monitoring website to enhance dissemination and outreach potential, by scoping the work required. This will be implemented in AWP2.</li> </ul>
	Status: ongoing

Activity 4.1.3	Demand-driven Support for Research, Capacity Building and Outreach Activities to Assist the Implementation of the AEC Blueprint 2025		
Outputs delivered	NKE reports and presentation material covering the Concept Note for the mid-term review of the AECB (ref activity 4.1.2)		
Problems encountered	Please see lessons learnt below		
Lessons learnt	Aligning the timeline of demand-dr requires some level of flexibility. M that were scheduled for AWP1, will	ost of the demand driven activities	
Resources	Category		
Mobilised	SNKE (working days)	1	
	Incidental (Euro)	€0	

Overall result	ASEAN	research,	capacity	and	awareness	to	facilitate	the
to-date	impleme	entation of t	he AEC Blu	eprint	2025 strengt	hene	d in the are	as of
	the MTF	R of the AEC	CB and in c	onduc	ting country	visits	(during SM	1R2).
	ASEC AII	MD has reco	gnised the	added	d value of ARI	SE+ a	and a numb	er of
	priority	activities to	be impler	nente	d commencin	g fro	m Q1 of A	WP2
	have be	en agreed o	n and prepa	aratory	y work comm	ence	d.	

### **Sub-Component 4.2 ASEAN Statistics Capacity Building**

#### **Actual Resources Used**

Sub Component 2.2	S-NKE	J-NKE	Incidentals
Total	121	0	€41,345.79

#### **Outcome**

Strengthened coordinating role of the ACSS as the apex statistical entity, with Improved statistical production capacities to cater for relevant new data requests from ASEAN Sectoral Bodies in all ASM (and particularly but not limited to CLMV countries).

#### **Role of Statistics Coordinator**

During the reporting period the Statistics Coordinator focused on the identification of priority activities, definition of Terms of Reference and management of the NKEs, as well as facilitation of the implementation of the activities. For the purpose of reporting of implementation of the Work plan 1, the resource utilisation for Statistics Coordinator is reported under the Activity 4.2.2. **ANNEX 57** shows the report of the Senior Non-Key Expert on Coordination of statistics capacity building activities.

The specific tasks of the Statistical Coordinator for year 1 includes the followings:

- Coordination of activities under Sub-Component 4.2;
- Liaison with project counterparts, in particular ASEANstats for activities under Sub-Component 4.2;
- Management of the team of Non-Key Experts for the activities under Sub-Component 4.2;
- Reporting on progress achieved in implementing Sub-Component 4.2 of the project.

#### The expected outputs include:

- Identified priority actions (list of priority activities) for WP1;
- Terms of Reference for each action;
- Identified experts (sector NKEs);
- Documentation of the sector NKE's reports.

#### Work Carried Out covers the following:

- Coordination and Preparation of Terms of Reference
  - Draft list of activities for WP2 for consultation with the ACSS Sub-Committee on Planning and Coordination (SCPC 17);
  - Five NKE Terms of References;
  - o Facilitation of the implementation of WP1 sub-activities;
  - Draft Work Plan 2 activities on capacity building on statistics, for inputs to the ARISE Plus Work Plan 2;

The statistical coordinator is appointed since end of December 2018. While waiting for his arrival, the interim was ensured by a temporary NKE in charge on the coordination. The specific tasks of this temporary NKE were

- Input to the ARISE Plus presentation for the ACSS and Compass PSC meetings in coordination with the Team Leader;
- Support the team leader at ACSS and Compass PSC meetings and be available to any
  questions related to the statistical component of the ARISE plus programme;
- Finalisation of the Work Plan for Year 1, after ACSS and Compass PSC meetings
- Coordination meeting and training of the statistical coordinator;
- Seconding the Statistical Coordinator in drafting of the terms of reference of Year 1 activities, mobilisation of the relevant expertise, technical coordination of the activities, coordination with ARISE Plus team for their implementation.

#### The following expected results:

- A participation and contribution to the next Open Session of ACSS Committee meeting held in Singapore on 10-11/10/2018. The expert will support the team leader presentation and be available to any questions related to the statistical component of the ARISE plus programme.
- 2. A participation and contribution to the last COMPASS PSC meeting held in Singapore on 12/10/2018. The expert supported the team leader presentation of ARISE Plus, presented the activities planning for the 6 next months and was available to any questions related to the statistical component of the ARISE plus programme.

- 3. A kick-off of the first activities until the appointment of the statistical coordinator
- 4. A coaching of the statistical coordinator to ensure a smooth and rapid ownership of the programme approach and activities.

The resource utilisation for this NKE is reported under the Activity 4.2.2. **ANNEX 58** provide the report of the Senior Non Key Expert on: Planning and implementation of year 1 statistical activities

**Activity 4.2.1 Enhancing AEC Monitoring Databases** 

Activity 4.2.1	Activity 4.2.1 Enhancing AEC Monit	oring Databases		
Main Beneficiaries engaged	ASEAN Integration Monitoring Direct (ASEANstats)	ctorate (AIMD) and Statistic Division		
Tasks status (ongoing, completed)	Although no activity was likely to be required for the first yearly period, a request emanated from the AIMD for a short but urgent TA mission to enhance the AEC monitoring databases, specifically the Compliance Monitoring Database System.			
Outputs delivered	TA mission report with enhancem	ents (ANNEX 59)		
Problems encountered	No problem encountered			
Lessons learnt	<ul> <li>architecture, and coding tes development server already co production server.</li> <li>The data has been evaluated an the inputs and expected outputs</li> </ul>	d based on the agreed system its will be re-performed on a infigured prior to migration to the diverified as accurate compared to its. Business rules have also been be compliant with the agreed		
Resources	Category			
Mobilised	SNKE (working days) Incidental (Euro)	10 €0		
Overall result				
Overall result	<ul> <li>The system is ready for migration</li> </ul>	n to production upon completion of		

#### Activity 4.2.2 Supporting the ACSS in the Context of the AECB 2025

system tests and walkthrough.

to-date

Activity 4.2.2	Supporting the ACSS in the Context of the AECB 2025
Main	National Statistical Office of AMSs, ASEANstats, ACSS Committee, Sub-
Beneficiaries	Committee on Planning and Coordination (SCPC), Working Group on
engaged	Data Sharing, Analysis, Dissemination and Communication (WGDSA);
	Working Group on SNA

Activity 4.2.2	Supporting the ACSS in the Context	of the AECB 2025	
Tasks status (ongoing, completed)	<ul><li>assessed and readjusted;</li><li>Regional workshops on Statis conducted.</li></ul>	at the end of COMPASS project tics on Trade in Services (SITS) Operational Guidelines - Phase 1	
Outputs delivered	Trade in Services, Brunei Darus Assistance to Brunei Darussa. Statistics of International Trad. (ANNEX 60)  NKE Report, "Development of an Implementation of SNA 2008 - Plane Revised draft Agenda for the fort	rkshop on Statistics of International Isalam, as appear in the "Technical Idam and Regional Workshop on Ide in Services, Brunei Darussalam" ACSS Operational Guidelines for the Ihase 1" (ANNEX 61) Checoming Workshop Supply and Use International Guidelines	
Problems encountered	The limited time between the NK led to some delay in circulation of	KE TORs approval and the event, has of workshop materials on SITS	
Lessons learnt	<ul> <li>Close consultation with the Lead Country, such as in the case of SNA, proved to be very useful in defining the future direction and targets, which are important in drafting the Outline of the Operational Guidelines</li> </ul>		
Resources	Category		
Mobilised	SNKE (working days)	44	
	Incidental (Euro)	€113.14	
Overall result to-date	<ul> <li>Clear priorities and elements windelines</li> </ul>	hich should go to the Operational	

Activity 4.2.3 Strengthening AMSs' Statistical Capacities (Particularly in but not Limited to CLMV)

Activity 4.2.3	Strengthening AMSs' Statistical Capacities (particularly in but not limited to CLMV)
Main Beneficiaries engaged	National Statistical Office of Lao PDR, DOS Brunei Darussalam, ASEANstats
Tasks status	<ul> <li>TA on Information and Technology Development (ITD), i.e. on Eurotrace in Lao PDR implemented;</li> </ul>

Activity 4.2.3	Strengthening AMSs' Statistical Capacities (particularly in but not limited to CLMV)						
(ongoing, completed)	• TA on Statistics on Trade in Services (SITS) in Brunei Darussalam conducted.						
Outputs delivered	Technical Assistance Mission to Lo 2019" (ANNEX 63) • NKE Report on the Technical Assis appear in the "Technical Assis	Lao, "Senior Non-Key Expert on: ao PDR, and Cambodia, March-April ssistance to Brunei Darussalam, as tance to Brunei Darussalam and of International Trade in Services,					
Problems encountered	PDR	ave affected the TA delivery in Lao due to their urgent issues, have led Q3 2019.					
Lessons learnt	<ul> <li>Consulting the right person, suc facilitate the process, despite ad</li> </ul>	th as in the case of Lao PDR, help ministrative procedures					
Resources Mobilised	Category  SNKE (working days) 28 Incidental (Euro) €113.14						
Overall result to-date		tter readiness of Brunei's team to					

### **Activity 4.2.4 Expanding ACSS Capacity in New Statistical Domains**

Activity 4.2.4	Expanding ACSS Capacity in New Statistical Domains
Main Beneficiaries engaged	National Statistical Office of AMSs, ASEANstats, ACSS Committee, Sub-Committee on Planning and Coordination (SCPC), Working Group on Data Sharing, Analysis, Dissemination and Communication (WGDSA)
Tasks status (ongoing, completed)	<ul> <li>Regional Workshop on the ACSS Open Data Implementation Framework and Big Data for Enhancing the ACSS Official Statistics implemented</li> </ul>
Outputs delivered	<ul> <li>NKE report on the Workshop Report on Big Data, "Senior Non-Key Expert on: Regional Workshop on the ACSS Open Data Implementation Framework and Big Data for Enhancing the ACSS Official Statistics, Singapore 23-25 April 2019-Section on Big Data" (ANNEX 64)</li> </ul>

support the ASEAN-help-ASEAN, and confirmation of DOS Malaysia in

their involvement in the coming ASEAN-help-ASEAN

Activity 4.2.4	Expanding ACSS Capacity in New Sta	atistical Domains							
	<ul> <li>NKE report on the Workshop Report on Open Data, "Regional Workshop on the ACSS Open Data Implementation Framework an Big Data for Enhancing the ACSS Official Statistics, Singapore 23-2 April 2019" (ANNEX 65)</li> </ul>								
Problems encountered	<ul> <li>The limited time between the NK led to delay in circulation of work</li> </ul>	E TORs approval and the event, has kshop materials							
Lessons learnt	addressing expectations and obj	rship; workshop proved to be effective in ectives of the workshop, of the workshop proved to be very							
Resources	Category								
Mobilised	SNKE (working days)	37							
	Incidental (Euro)	€41,119.51							

Overall result to-date	<ul> <li>Sound basis/guidance in developing the Concept paper on Big Data for Enhancing ASEAN Official Statistics, and the implementation plan of the Open Data assessment mechanism to monitor the progress of ACSS Open Data Initiative Statistics</li> </ul>
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Activity 4.2.5	Supporting ASEAN-EU Policy Dialogue on M&E and Statistics							
Main Beneficiaries engaged	ASEAN Integration Monitoring Directorate (AIMD), ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS)							
Tasks status (ongoing, completed)	Definition of an approach to increase the field of monitoring and statistics	Definition of an approach to increase the visibility of the AIMD work in he field of monitoring and statistics.						
Outputs delivered	• •	WP2 content as appears in "Senior Non-Key Expert on: Planning and implementation of year 1 statistical activities" (ANNEX 58)						
Problems encountered	N/A							
Lessons learnt	N/A							
Resources	Category							
Mobilised	SNKE (working days)	2						
	Incidental (Euro)	€						

# **SECTION 2 OVERVIEW OF USE OF RESOURCES**

	Cumulative Resources											
Reporting Period	KE1	KE2	KE3	KE4	Senior Non-Key	Junior Non-Key	Incidentals					
1 <sup>st</sup> 6 Monthly Report covering Inception period and 1 <sup>st</sup> Month of AWP1 (8 <sup>th</sup> November 2017 - 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2018)	113	74	101	96	166	0	€ 103,723.63					
2 <sup>nd</sup> Six Monthly Report (8 <sup>th</sup> May 2018 – 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2018)	98	97	103	115	616	5	€ 276,859.19					
3 <sup>rd</sup> Six Monthly Report (8 <sup>th</sup> November 2018 – 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2019)	109	106	100	114	1,355	15	€ 584,055.64					
Actual to Date	320	277	304	325	2,137	20	€ 964,638.46					
Project Budget	660	528	660	660	6,765	400	€ 3,500,000					
Balance Remaining	340	251	356	335	4,628	380	€ 2,535,361.54					

	Resources at the	Activity L	.evel					
Sub Component/ Sub - Project	Title	KE 1	KE 2	KE 3	KE 4	Senior NKE	Junior NKE	<b>Incidentals €</b>
COMPONENT 0.0	Management and Outreach	109				6		15,939.00
Sub Component 0.1	Project Management and Coordination	109						11,756.19
Activity 0.1.1	Project Management and Coordination	109						11,756.19
Sub Component 0.2	Demand Driven Contingency							
Activity 0.2.1	Demand Driven Contingency							
Sub Component 0.3	Visibility, Communication and Outreach					6		4,182.80
Activity 0.3.1	Visibility, Communication and Outreach					6		4,182.80
COMPONENT 1.0	Trade Facilitation and Transparency		99			231		140,319.54
Sub Component 1.1	ATIGA Implementation with Focus on Transparency and NTMs					172		18,597.88
Activity 1.1.1	Supporting the Effective Implementation of the ATIGA (ATR and NTRs)					55.5		5,628.96
Activity 1.1.2	Identifying, Classifying and Notifying NTMs					116.5		12,426.29
Activity 1.1.3	Supporting the Coordinating Committee for the Implementation of the ATIGA							542.64
Sub - Component 1.2	Trade Facilitation and Private Sector Engagement					59		121,721.66

	Resources at the	Activity I	_evel					
Sub Component/ Sub - Project	Title	KE 1	KE 2	KE 3	KE 4	Senior NKE	Junior NKE	Incidentals €
Activity 1.2.1	Full Operationalisation and Management of ASSIST, Including in the Services and Investment Sectors					45		99,161.86
Activity 1.2.2	Supporting the ASEAN Trade Facilitation Joint Consultative Committee							
Activity 1.2.3	Supporting the EU-ASEAN Policy Dialogue on Trade Facilitation							
Activity 1.2.4	Assisting ASEC and AMSs in TF-Related Policies and Dialogue							
Activity 1.2.5	Strengthening Public-Private Cooperation					14		22,559.80
Sub - Component 1.3	On-demand Activities							
Activity 1.3.1	Assisting in the Implementation of an ASEAN-Wide Self-Certification of Origin Scheme							
Activity 1.3.2	Supporting the ASEAN Connectivity Coordinating Committee							
Activity 1.3.3	Supporting the Transposition of Regional Agreements at National Level							
COMPONENT 2.0	Standards and Conformity Assessment in Particular Healthcare and Agro-based products			100		190	15	87,025.23
Sub Component 2.1	Supporting the Development of Quality Infrastructure and Related Policies in ASEAN					23		5,968.34
Activity 2.1.1	Supporting ACCSQ to Implement the 2016-2025 ASEAN Strategic Plan for Standards and Conformance							3,522.73
Activity 2.1.2	Supporting Mutual Recognition of Conformity Assessment and Harmonisation of Technical Regulations							

	Resources at the	Activity I	Level					
Sub Component/ Sub - Project	Title	KE 1	KE 2	KE 3	KE 4	Senior NKE	Junior NKE	Incidentals €
Activity 2.1.3	Strengthening Conformity Assessment and Accreditation					23		2,445.61
Activity 2.1.5	Enhancing Co-ordination across ASEAN Sectoral Working Groups							
Sub Component 2.2	Supporting the Harmonisation of Standards and Compliance to International Standards					18		532.19
Activity 2.2.1	Supporting Harmonisation of Standard					18		532.19
Activity 2.2.2	Promoting Compliance to International Standards in the Business							
Sub Component 2.3	Supporting the Market Integration and Enhancing Food Safety in Agro-based Sector					149	15	79,787.77
Activity 2.3.1	Developing and Implementing a Regulatory Framework for Food Safety							27,445.42
Activity 2.3.2	Implementing the MRA on Inspection and Certification Systems of Food Hygiene for Prepared Foodstuffs					50		39,064.24
Activity 2.3.3	Supporting the ASEAN Risk Assessment Centre for Food Safety					4		6,860.59
Activity 2.3.4	Supporting the Collection, Management and Harmonisation of Food Consumption Data to Strengthen Risk Assessment in ASEAN					20	15	1,675.46
Activity 2.3.5	Establishing Rapid Alert Systems for Food and Feed (RASFF) in Member States and integrating them in the ASEAN Rapid Alert Systems for Food and Feed (ARASFF)					44		634.77
Activity 2.3.6	Strengthening ASEAN Cooperation on Organic Agriculture					15		3,472.52
Activity 2.3.7	Training in Food Safety					16		634.77

	Resources at the	Activity	Level					
Sub Component/ Sub - Project	Title	KE 1	KE 2	KE 3	KE 4	Senior NKE	Junior NKE	<b>Incidentals €</b>
Sub Component 2.4	Support to the Pharmaceutical Sector							736.93
Activity 2.4.1	Strengthening the Pharmaceuticals Regulatory framework							736.93
Activity 2.4.2	Combatting Falsified Medicines in ASEAN							
Activity 2.4.3	Enhancing Pharmaceuticals Standardization in ASEAN							
COMPONENT 3.0	Customs, Transport and ACTS				114	762		297,252.60
Sub Component 3.1	Customs Measures					55		25,363.40
Activity 3.1.3	Supporting Development of Standard Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) Programmes and AEO Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRA) in ASEAN (SPCD 07							
Activity 3.1.5	Assistance to Narrowing the Development Gap in Customs (SPCD 13)					55		25,363.40
Sub Component 3.2	Transport Measures					106		80,817.26
Activity 3.2.1	Operationalising the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit (AFAFGIT) and the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Inter-State Transport (AFAFIST)							28,599.72
Activity 3.2.2	Supporting Implementation of the Action Plan for the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Multi Modal Transport (AFAMT)					101		51,966.54
Activity 3.2.3	Supporting the Implementation of the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of the Cross-Border Transport of Passengers by Road Vehicles (ASEAN-CBTP)					5		251.00

	Resources at the	Activity I	Level					
Sub Component/ Sub - Project	Title	KE 1	KE 2	KE 3	KE 4	Senior NKE	Junior NKE	<b>Incidentals €</b>
Sub Component 3.3	ACTS Implementation					601		191,071.94
Activity 3.3.1	Supporting Implementation of the ASEAN Customs Transit System (ACTS) legal framework					13		5,135.62
Activity 3.3.2	Supporting the Full Roll-out of the ACTS in Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand (MST)					13.5		
Activity 3.3.3	Rolling Out of ACTS in CLMV Countries					375		184,718.09
Activity 3.3.4	Developing the Capacity of the ACTS Central Management Team (CMT)					5		
Activity 3.3.5	Carrying out a Functional Upgrade of the ACTS					194.5		1,218.24
COMPONENT 4.0	ASEAN Economic Integration Monitoring and Statistics					166		42,157.08
Sub - Component 4.1	ASEAN Economic Integration Monitoring					45		811.29
Activity 4.1.1	Developing an Internal ARISE Plus Monitoring System and an Integrated Monitoring Framework for ARISE Plus Regional and National Projects					14		
Activity 4.1.2	Supporting Implementation of AEC 2025 M&E Framework					30		811.29
Activity 4.1.3	Demand-driven Support for Research, Capacity Building and Outreach Activities to Assist the Implementation of the AEC Blueprint 2025					1		
Sub - Component 4.2	ASEAN Statistics Capacity Building					121		41,345.79
Activity 4.2.1	Enhancing AEC Monitoring Databases					10		
Activity 4.2.2	Supporting the ACSS in the Context of the AECB 2025					44		113.14

	Resources at the Activity Level									
Sub Component/ Sub - Project	Title	KE 1	KE 2	KE 3	KE 4	Senior NKE	Junior NKE	<b>Incidentals €</b>		
Activity 4.2.3	Strengthening AMSs' Statistical Capacities (particularly in but not limited to CLMV)					28		113.14		
Activity 4.2.4	Expanding ACSS Capacity in New Statistical Domains					37		41,119.51		
Activity 4.2.5	Supporting ASEAN-EU Policy Dialogue on M&E and Statistics					2				
Bank Charges								1,362.18		
TOTAL		109	106	100	114	1,355	15	584,055.64		

# **SECTION 3 LIST OF MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS**

Name	No.	Dates	Place	Meetings/Workshops/Study tours/Trainings
Paul Mandl	1	12-13 November 2018	Singapore	ASEAN Business and Investment Summit (ABIS)
	2	26-27 November 2018	Mandalay, Myanmar	The 27th Meeting of Prepared Foodstuffs
				Product Working Group and Its Related Meeting
	3	28 November 2018	Bangkok, Thailand	2nd Roundtable Workshop on Trade Facilitation,
	4	29 November 2019	Bangkok, Thailand	Coordination and stock-taking meeting with
				Ministry of Commerce in relation to the NTR/ATR work on NTMs
	5	10 December 2018	Vientiane, Lao PDR	Workshop on the ASEAN Principles for
				Harmonisation of Regulatory Regimes, Revision
				to the ASEAN Framework MRA Agreement and
				an Update on the Monitoring Mechanism for the
				Strategic Plan
	6	11-13 December 2018	Vientiane, Lao PDR	Attending The 50th Meeting of the ASEAN
				Consultative Committee for Standards and
				Quality (ACCSQ) and its related meetings
	7	17-18 January 2019	Bangkok, Thailand	50th ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting (SEOM)
	8	21-22 January 2019	Bangkok, Thailand	ABAC Steering Committee Meeting
	9	28-30 January 2019	Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam	3rd Workshop on Development of the
				Agreement for Implementation of the ASEAN
	_			Food Safety Regulatory Framework (AFSRF)
	10	5-7 March 2019	Vientiane, Lao PDR	20 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Customs Procedures and
				Trade Facilitation Working Group Sub-Working
				Group on ASEAN Customs Transit System (SWG-
				ACTS)
	11	11-12 March 2019	Bangkok, Thailand	Training at Capacity Building Workshop and
				Outreach Event on ASSIST for Trade in Services

Name	No.	Dates	Place	Meetings/Workshops/Study tours/Trainings
	12	13 March 2019	Bangkok, Thailand	General Assembly of the Federation of Thai Industries
	13	14-15 March 2019	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Meeting of the Coordinating Committee on the Implementation of the ATIGA (CCA)
	14	19-21 March 2019	Bali, Indonesia	Workshop on the ASEAN Sectoral MRA for Inspection and Certification Systems on Food Hygiene for Prepared Foodstuff Products

Name	No.	Dates	Place	Meetings/Workshops/Study tours/Trainings
Paolo Vergano	1	8 November 2018	Naypyitaw, Myanmar	91st Meeting of the ASEAN Coordinating Committee on Services (CCS) and Related Meetings, 5-10 November 2018
	2	12-13 November 2018	Singapore	ASEAN Business and Investment Summit (ABIS), 12-13 November 2018
	3	28 November 2018	Bangkok, Thailand	2nd Roundtable Workshop on Trade Facilitation
	4	29 November 2019	Bangkok, Thailand	Coordination and stock-taking meeting with Ministry of Commerce in relation to the NTR/ATR work on NTMs
	5	8 January 2019	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	FMM Seminar on Going Global: Leveraging on ASEAN and Mega FTAs
	6	8 January 2019	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	CIMB ASEAN Research Institute (CARI) Briefings
	7	19 February 2019	Singapore	Training of EU-ASEAN Business Council and individual companies on how to file complaints on ASSIST
	8	28 February-1 March 2019	Vientiane, Lao PDR	Training at Capacity Building Workshop and Outreach Event on ASSIST for Trade in Services
	9	4-5 March 2019	Naypyidaw, Myanmar	Training at Capacity Building Workshop and Outreach Event on ASSIST for Trade in Services
	10	6 March 2019	Naypyitaw, Myanmar	SPS NTMs Validation Workshop
	11	11-12 March 2019	Bangkok, Thailand	Training at Capacity Building Workshop and Outreach Event on ASSIST for Trade in Services
	12	13 March 2019	Bangkok, Thailand	General Assembly of the Federation of Thai Industries
	13	14-15 March 2019	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Meeting of the Coordinating Committee on the Implementation of the ATIGA (CCA)
	14	8-9 April 2019	Jakarta, Indonesia	Meeting of the Coordinating Committee on the Implementation of the ATIGA (CCA)

15	11-12 April 2019	Manila, Philippines	Training at Capacity Building Workshop and
			Outreach Event on ASSIST for Trade in Services
16	15-16 April 2019	Singapore	Training at Capacity Building Workshop and
			Outreach Event on ASSIST for Trade in Services
17	18-19 April 2019	Hanoi, Vietnam	Training at Capacity Building Workshop and
			Outreach Event on ASSIST for Trade in Services
18	29 April 2019	Singapore	joint collaboration event with SBF on ASEAN
			Trade Facilitation Initiative

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Rajinder Raj	1	22-23 November 2018	Bangkok, Thailand	Workshop on Enhancing Harmonization of Standards in ASEAN
	2	26-27 November 2018	Mandalay, Myanmar	27th Meeting of Prepared Foodstuffs Product Working Group and Its Related Meetings
	3	28 November 2018	Bangkok, Thailand	2nd ARISE Plus Roundtable Discussion
	4	10 December 2018	Vientiane, Lao PDR	Workshop on the ASEAN Principles for Harmonisation of Regulatory Regimes, Revision to the ASEAN Framework MRA Agreement and an Update on the Monitoring Mechanism for the Strategic Plan
	5	11-13 December 2018	Vientiane, Lao PDR	Attending The 50th Meeting of the ASEAN Consultative Committee for Standards and Quality (ACCSQ) and its related meetings
	6	28-30 January 2019	Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam	3rd Workshop on Development of the Agreement for Implementation of the ASEAN Food Safety Regulatory Framework (AFSRF)
	7	19-21 March 2019	Bali, Indonesia	Workshop on the ASEAN Sectoral MRA for Inspection and Certification Systems on Food Hygiene for Prepared Foodstuff Products
	8	3 April 2019	Siem Reap, Cambodia	14th ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Health Development (14th ASEAN SOMHD) and Related Meetings
	9	8-9 April 2019	Putrajaya, Malaysia	2nd Scientific Committee Meeting of ARAC
	10	25 April 2019	Phnom Penh, Cambodia	36th Meeting of ASEAN Consultative Committee on Standards and Quality Working Group 2 (ACCSQ WG2)

Name	No.	Dates	Place	Meetings/Workshops/Study tours/Trainings
Glyn Evans	1	16 November 2018	Siem Reap, Cambodia	ASEAN Federation of Forwarders Association (AFFA) 28th Annual General Meeting
	2	28-29 November 2018	Vientiane, Lao PDR	Training (ACTS System and Procedures) Session 1 for Customs Service of Lao PDR
	3	3 December 2018	Phnom Penh, Cambodia	Workshop on Narrowing the Development Gap in Customs, 3 December 2018, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
	4	4-7 December 2018	Phnom Penh, Cambodia	Facilitation Workshop on Narrowing the Development Gap in Customs
	5	5-7 March 2019	Vientiane, Lao PDR	20 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Customs Procedures and Trade Facilitation Working Group Sub-Working Group on ASEAN Customs Transit System (SWG-ACTS)
	6	22 January 2019	Vientiane, Lao PDR	Meeting with legal authorities from Lan PDR Customs; ARISE Plus support for scope and content of Customs decrees required in support of ACTS implementation
	7	12-13 February 2019	Phnom Penh, Cambodia	ACTS Training for Cambodia
	8	18-22 February 2019	Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam	Capacity Building Workshop on Multimodal Transport and Meeting on AFAMT
	9	9-11 April 2019	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam	37th ASEAN Transport Facilitation Working Group Meeting
	10	7-10 May 2019	Vientiane, Lao PDR	Workshop on Strengthening of Customs Intelligence and Investigation Capacity
	11	19-22 March 2019	Yangon, Myanmar	workshop on strengthening of customs Intelligence and Investigation Capacity
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