



# SPS-related technical assistance and capacity building activities

***European Commission***



# EU Aid for Trade Strategy 2007

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- A joint EU effort (Community and EU Member States)
- Objective: “*support all developing countries, particularly LDCs, to better integrate into the rules-based world trading system and to use trade more effectively in promoting the overarching objective of eradication of poverty...*”
- Parallel and mutually supportive focus on providing more resources and ensuring a stronger qualitative impact
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- A support to partner countries’ own national/regional development strategies and reform efforts, and a complement to trade negotiations
- Covers the full AfT agenda as defined by the WTO TF



# EU Aid for Trade Strategy 2007

## **EU Aft Strategy – 5 Pillars**

1. **Scaling-up the collective volumes of EU AfT**
  - TRA
  - Wider AfT
2. **Enhancing the Pro-poor focus and quality of EU AfT**
3. **Increasing EU-wide capacity to deliver high volumes of high-quality AfT**
4. **Building upon, fostering and supporting ACP regional integration processes**
5. **Supporting effective AfT Monitoring and reporting**



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### Four Main Cooperation Instruments with Multiannual Programming Feed most of the AfT

- **EDF** – the European Development Fund (African, Caribbean and Pacific countries): 2008 – 2013. €22.682 billion for 6 years
- **DCI** - the Development Cooperation Instrument (Latin America and Asia including Central Asia) : 2007 – 2013: €16.897 billion for 7 years.
- **ENPI** – the European Neighbourhood Policy Instrument (Neighbourhood countries and Russia): 2007 – 2013: €11.181 billion for 7 years.
- **Pre-accession instrument.** 2007 – 2013: €11.468 billion for 7 years



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### **EC AfT Volumes in 2007**

#### Trade Related Assistance

EC TRA up from €940 million to €1,020 million

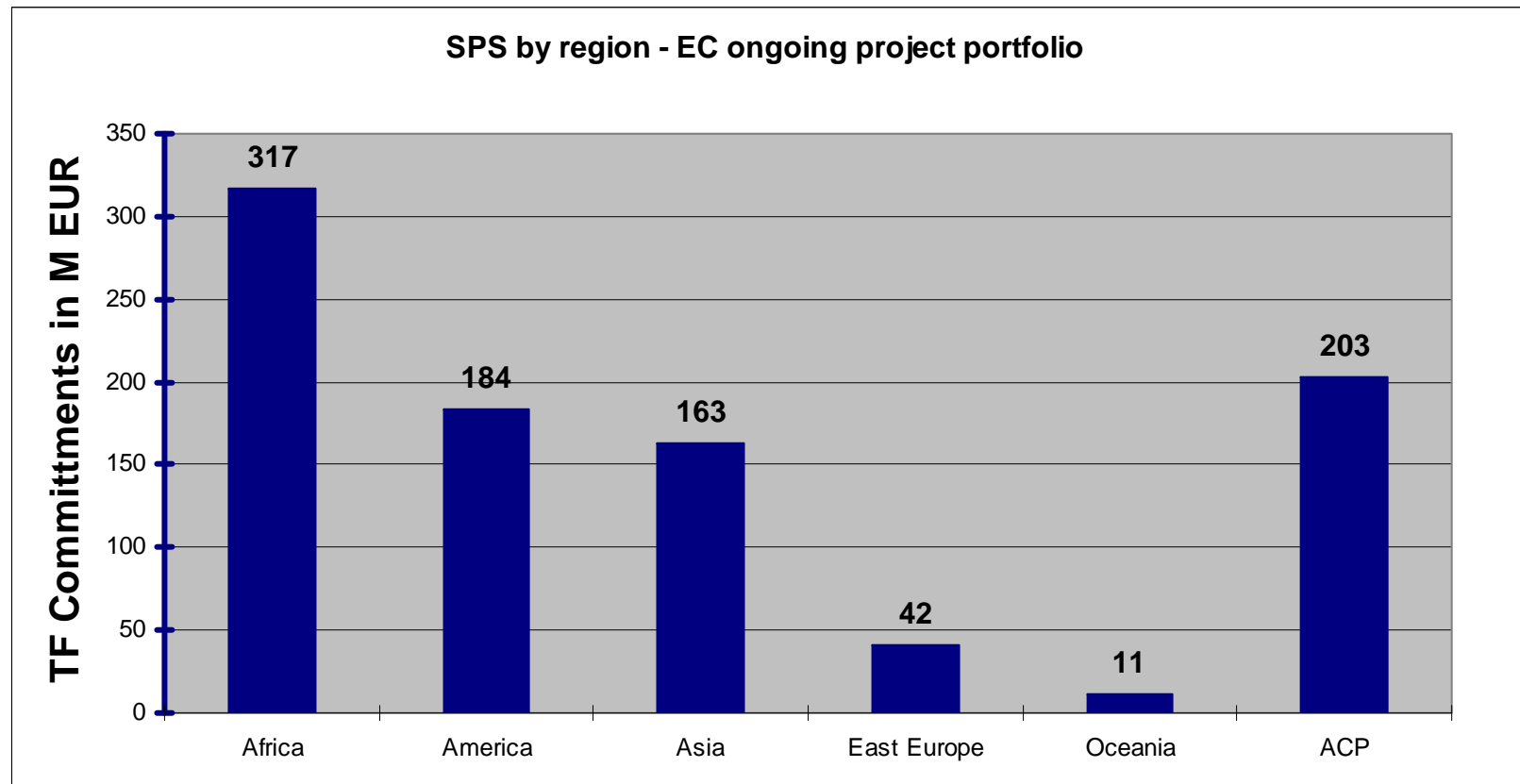
#### Total Aid for Trade

EU AfT reached €7.17 billion in 2007

EU (EC + MS) AFT constitutes more than a third of global AFT (2007) and the EU collectively is the world's largest AfT donor



# Overview SPS support





## **EC Approach to SPS Assistance**

- SPS assistance a priority issue in the context of EC trade related assistance to third countries.
- Comprehensive multi-annual programmes - needs identified in feasibility studies, identification missions, and trade needs assessments.
- Areas of support - capacity building of relevant ministries, SPS regulations, enquiry points, traceability systems, testing, inspection systems, upgrading of laboratories, specific issues in important export sectors including problems/weakness by Food and Veterinary Office.



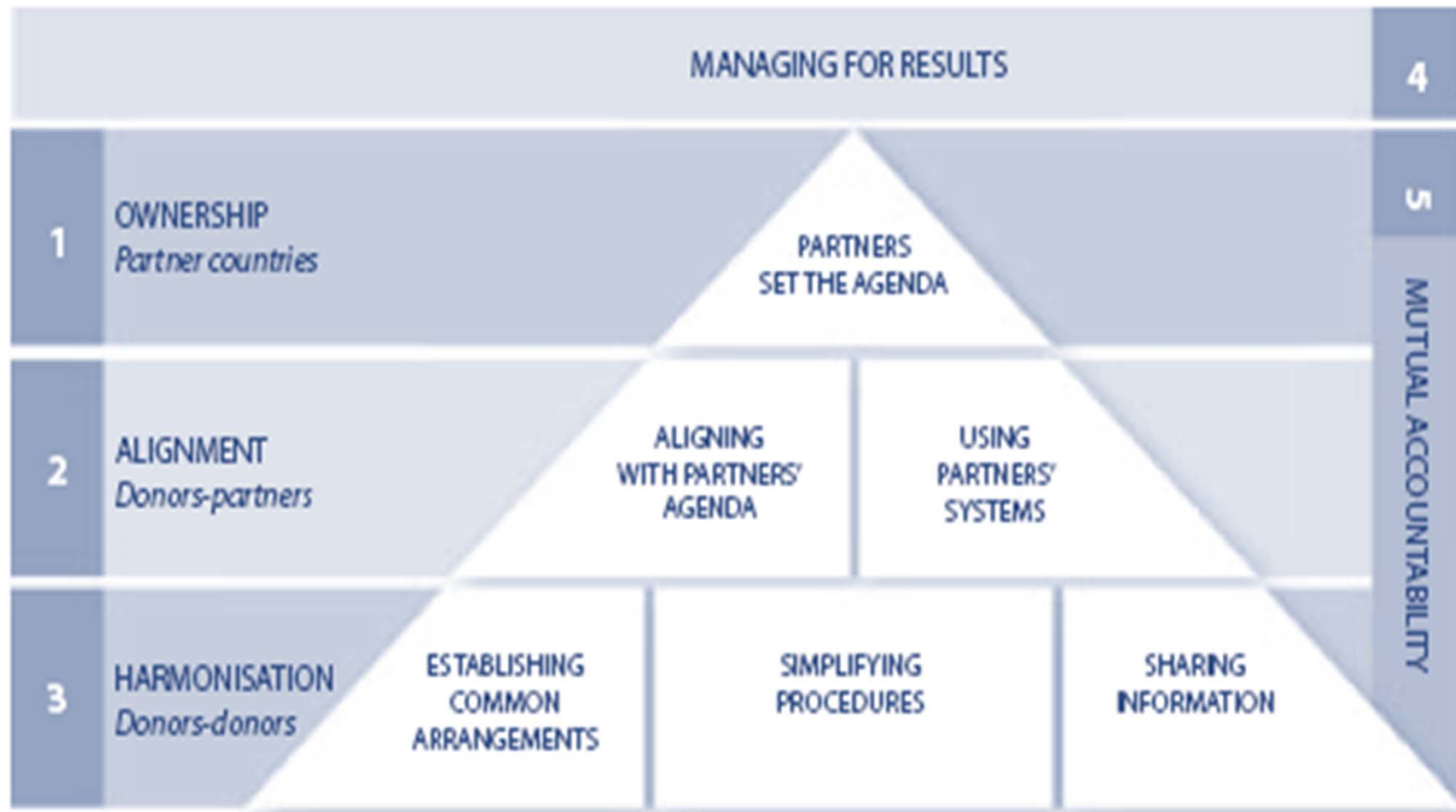
## **Typical Actions**

- **Strengthening national and regional administrations and competent authorities and supporting the private sector**
- **Upgrading quality infrastructure**
- **Address both trade concerns - non-tariff barriers aspects, as well as agriculture sector development concerns via**
  - **trade related programmes with Ministries of Trade**
  - **agriculture sector programmes with technical Ministries (Fisheries, Agriculture, Plant protection services, Veterinary services).**





# Paris Declaration

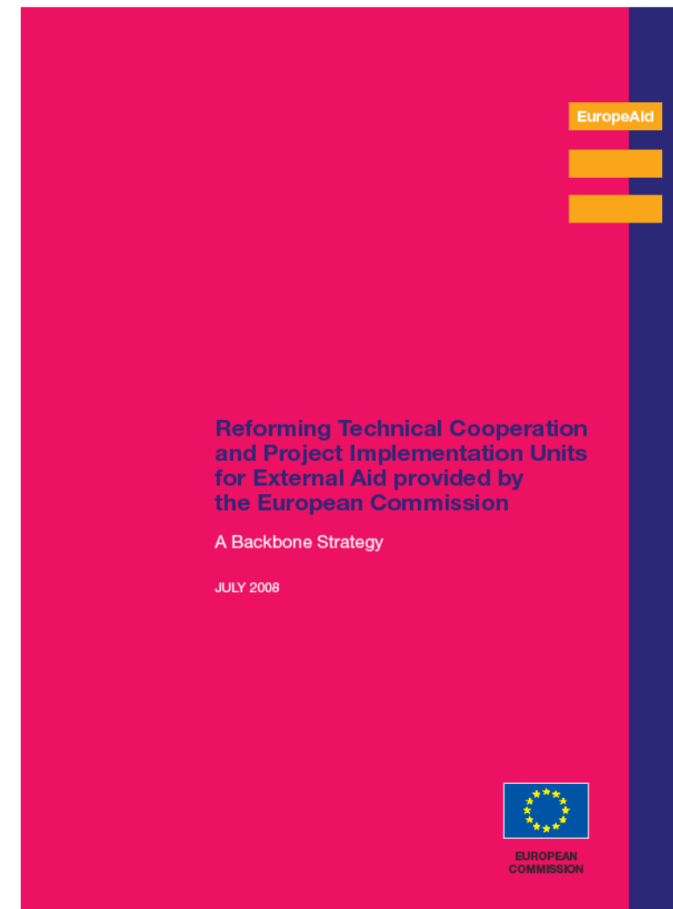




# Reforming TC & PIUs

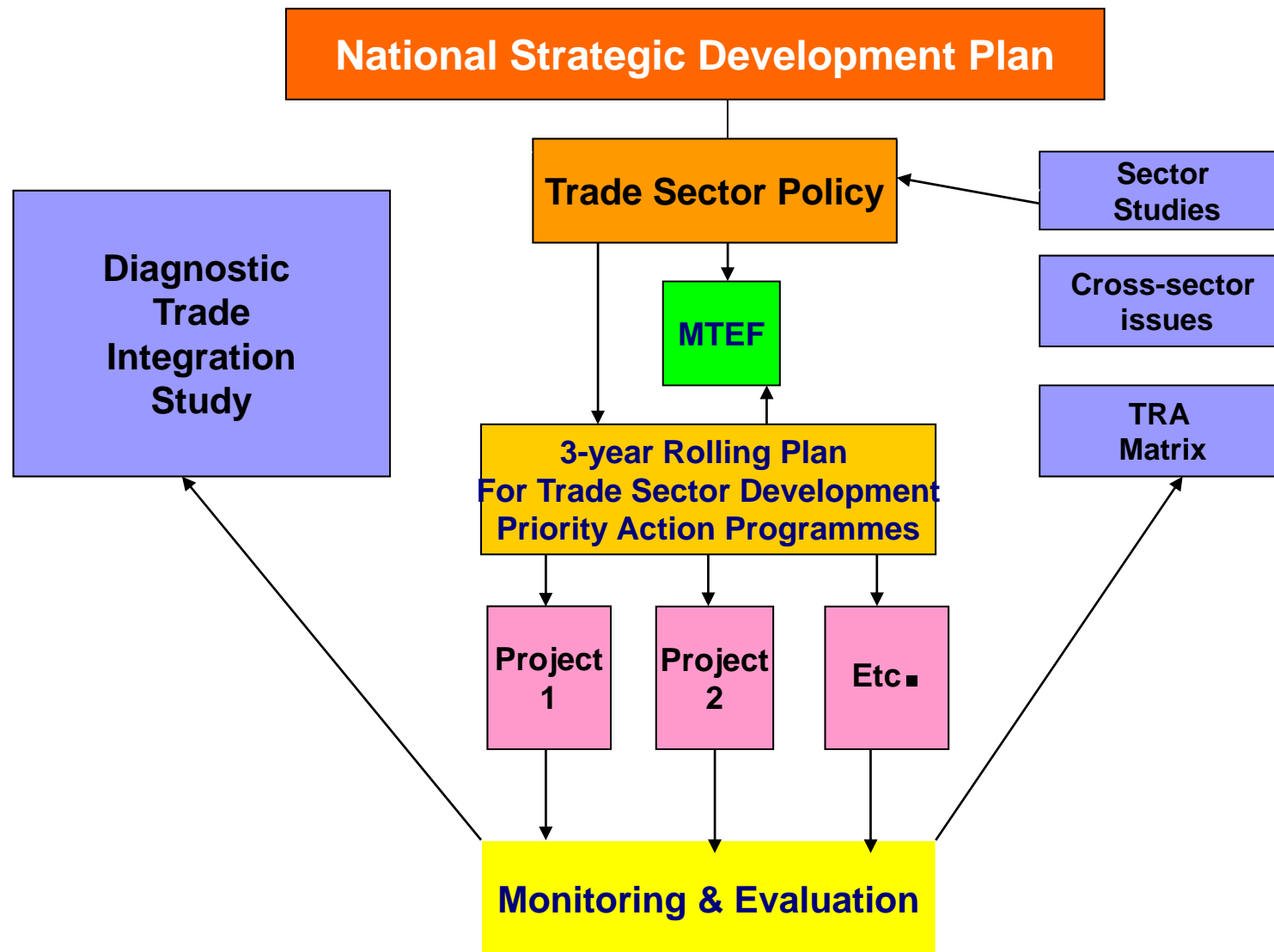
## Objectives:

- **Providing good quality TC that supports country-led programmes based on strong partner demand**
- **Providing support through partner-owned project implementation arrangements with substantial reduction of parallel Project Implementation Units**





# Cambodia Sector Approach





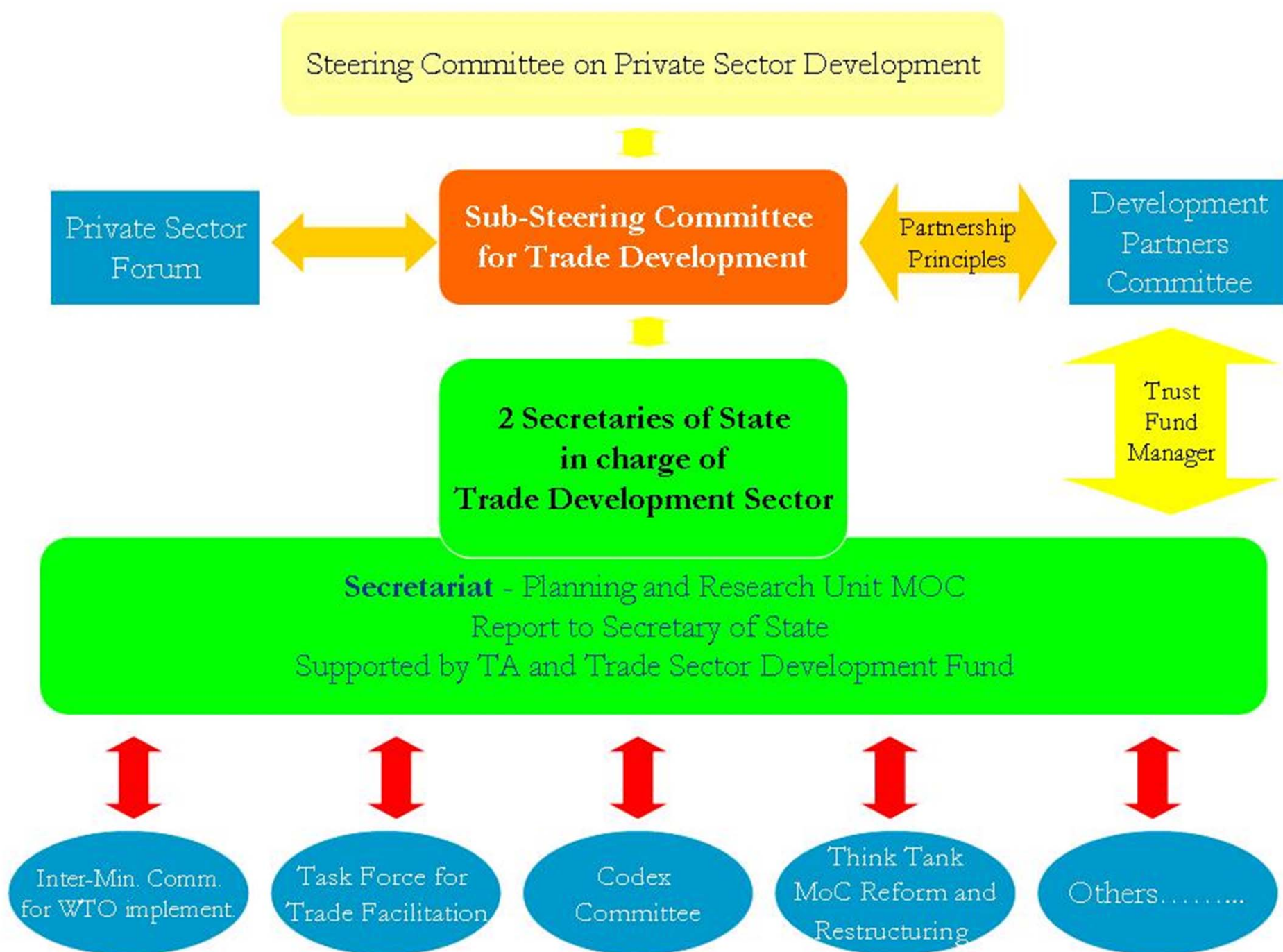
# Cambodia TDSP

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**EC US\$9.8m, DK US\$3.7m, UNIDO US\$0.3 m (US\$13.8 million / 4 years - others)**

**TDSP Steering Committee (SC) - within Sub-Steering Committee on Trade Development and Trade-Related Investment**

- 1. Trade Policy Formulation and Implementation**
  - a. Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) and Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary (SPS) – build on existing assessments, work of donors. FAO STDF project to develop SPS Action plan.**
  - b. Trade Facilitation**
  - c. Other Legal Reforms and RGC WTO Obligations**
- 2. Performance Monitoring**
- 3. Institutional and Human Capacity**
- 4. MoC Implementation Capacity**





# SPS Assistance in Practice

## **Philippines TRA Programme**

EC Contribution: €4 m (2006-2008)

- **Objective: Assist in building enabling environment for increased trade (SPS, TBT, Customs and Trade Policy components)**
- **Expected results SPS Component**
  1. Rationalisation and upgrading of the SPS legislative and regulatory framework
  2. Increased awareness of safety in fishery, coconut food and feed chains and improved EU market access for related exports
  3. Increased knowledge on GMP and HACCP by producers and processors
  4. Improved knowledge of official food and feed control (including laboratory testing and inspections)



## Respond to *deficiencies FVO mission 2004*

- Govt – accreditation process, inspection, testing and certification of fishery, aquaculture products to EU (BFAR)
- PS – lack of GMP, HACCP in facilities

Initial short term TA in place of safeguard measures to address urgent issues BFAR

- Official control systems, lab services, procedures, sampling – medicines, heavy metals



# RISP - COMESA

**2005 – 2010 €30m**

Improved capacities of national authorities and producers to meet regional and international standards and requirements from SPS measures

## **Results to date**

Standards and Quality Assurance Policy developed

Proposals developed for:

- Regional System for Mutual Recognition of Testing, Metrology certificates
- Regional Accreditation System
- Draft Regional Mechanism for implementing COMESA Harmonised Standards as Technical Regulations
  
- SPS framework approved by the Ministers of Agriculture (2008) – Drafting of legal text underway
- Developing common database on diseases, pests and SPS





# Snapshot of EC Assistance in Different Regions

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# **Asia**

- Food a trade irritant between EU and Asian partners.
- China - policy dialogue on safety of agro-food products. Food safety support through trade projects.

## **Bilateral trade-related cooperation programmes**

- upgrading import/export compliance (Indonesia, Pakistan, Bangladesh)
- WTO–related SPS compliance (India and Nepal)
- Veterinary services in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Laos & Cambodia
- Regional harmonization of SPS standards in Laos and Cambodia
- improving food safety in Thailand and Vietnam.

## **Regional – APRIS II**

- Common ASEAN SPS standards
- Development of common post market surveillance systems in AMCs
- Development of ASEAN Ref Labs, improved knowledge of GMP



## **Latin America**

**MERCOSUR to strengthen its SPS capacities (2006-2010, €6 million) + extension of €12 million.**

**National programmes include SPS component - reinforcing public institutions in charge of control and certification of SPS standards.**

- **Argentina, Ecuador, Guatemala, and Paraguay - strong SPS focus**
- **Mexico and Chile to facilitate the FTA with the EU, which include SPS issues.**



## **ACP**

- EDF SPS focus in intra-ACP envelope (€72 million), regional indicative programmes (RIP) (€100 million) and national indicative programme (NIP); other programmes with a minor SPS component
- Most focus on institutional support to the Competent Authority, upgrading of laboratories.
- Overview of All ACP programmes



## **Food safety / Quality**

- SADC, the food safety programme is for capacity building on residue control (2008-2012, €7.5 million), €14.2m – policy and infrastructure SQAM
- RISM €30m COMESA - development of standards and compliance
- West Africa, Quality Programme (2007-2013, €15 million) reinforcing SPS capacities through laboratory support. PARI 2 €105 million, of which the component 'privé' €12.5 million
- National projects e.g. Tanzania, Ivory coast and Kenya, focus on a single agricultural commodity (tea, coffee, cacao...) with a sectoral approach, which also aim at improving exports quality and safety. Other TRA with institutional capacity building on SPS (Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda).



## **Plant Health Programmes**

- Kenya, KEPHIS 2006-2010, €2.4m - plant health inspection services - compliance of horticultural products with EU safety regulation.
- Pacific Plant Protection project 2002-2008, € 1.29m has created quarantine facilities and developed pest management systems.
- Indian Ocean project to support intra-regional phyto-sanitary harmonisation.



## **Southern Neighbours**

### **Regional programmes - EuroMed**

- **Quality (CA and testing) and Markets (regulatory framework)**
- **Training to Public Administrations (2004-2007, €6 million)**

### **Bilateral programmes**

- **“Support the Implementation of the Association Agreements”**
- **Twinning projects (Jordan, Georgia focus on SPS safety)**
- **Egypt "Potato Brown Rot Disease Project" (€2 million)**
- **Lebanon: “Appui aux agriculteurs libanais pour la production et la commercialisation dans le secteur des fruits et légumes » (€18 million)**
- **Tunisia: SMEs competitiveness and modernization (PCAM, 2009-2013, €23 million).**



## **Eastern Neighbours and Russia**

No regional project for the Eastern Neighbouring region (sanitary checks in CBC)

- Russia – May 2009 EU/Russia have agreed to establish a dialogue on public health, including developing common food safety standards. Elimination of trade barriers -€4 million AP 2004 for improving the trade relations with Russia on food issues.
- Ukraine - WTO accession (May 2008) and on-going FTA negotiations with the EU SPS activities expected to increase in next years. Support to ENP Action Plan implementation (TACIS 2006, €25.5 million) with 2 focus areas, food safety and compliance to WTO SPS agreement.
- Azerbaijan 2007-2010 - priority areas include customs legislation and procedures, SPS issues, and consumer protection.





## ■ Further Information

[http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/index_en.htm)

## ■ EuropeAid / E2



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# Boost on SPS assistance

- Aid for Trade initiative: 110 M°€ in 2007
- Implementation of the Economic Partnership Agreements in which a substantial part is on cooperation
- Policy reform, anticipatory, policy coherence for development
- Regional integration efforts
- New initiatives that focus on SPS



# Snapshot of most important SPS projects (mainly in ACP region)



## ■ Strengthening Fisheries Project (1)

- ☐ Has been extended for another 3 years until November 2010
- ☐ Budget: more than 44 M°€, to be implemented in about 60 beneficiary countries, of which 8 OCTs
- ☐ The aim is to facilitate access for local fishery products to the global market by durably strengthening health surveillance systems for export and production conditions in all beneficiary countries
- ☐ Fish products from small-scale fisheries are taken into account in a significant way



## ■ Strengthening Fisheries Project (2)

The four main results expected in each beneficiary country are:

- ☐ improved national health conditions and control capacity for fishery products;
- ☐ the inspection services, testing laboratories and technical support institutions all running autonomously;
- ☐ improved level of fishery industry (vessels and processing units) compliance with health conditions for export;
- ☐ improved handling practices and infrastructures for small-scale fisheries.



- PIP Quality and Conformity Fruits and Vegetables phase 2 (1)
  - PIP 1 currently in transitional phase
  - Selected as example of “best practice in SPS capacity building and technical assistance”
  - To be extended as of October 2009 for 5 years, budget 33 M°€



## ■ PIP Quality and Conformity Fruits and Vegetables phase 2 (2)

### Shift in focus

- evolving regulation and private standards
- geographic and beneficiary focus has also evolved: in addition to exports for the EU market, the programme will also work on products for ACP national and regional markets and,
- it will also work directly with small producers groups and not only via export companies





- Strengthening Food Safety Systems through SPS measures (all-ACP)
  - 30 M°€, implementation starts end 2009
  - it is a wider Programme compared to PIP, aiming at establishing food safety systems,
  - will focus more on public sector, in partnership with the private sector
  - covers all agricultural sectors (human, animal and plant health, feed),
  - Improve contribution of food and feed trade to poverty reduction



- Promoting veterinary and human health governance in Africa
  - 30 M°€, African intervention to minimise socio-economic impact of infectious diseases
  - will strengthen the institutional capacities of Regional bodies
  - will secure access to efficient existing tools and mechanisms (such as PVS, vaccine banks, CMC, etc...)



- Regional cooperation programme on highly pathogenic and emerging diseases (HPED)
  - 20 M°€,
  - For ASEAN and SAARC region



## ■ PAN-SPSO project

- 3.35 M°€,
- For all Africa (except S-Africa)
- Implemented by AU-IBAR
- Enhances capacity to participate efficiently in the ISSB's
- Works closely with STDF for implementation of some activities
- Successful meetings have taken place with OIE and IPPC, Codex to follow



## ■ Other initiatives in the SPS area

- ☐ Contributions to International Standards Setting Bodies
- ☐ Contributions to STDF
- ☐ Contacts with EU Delegations (address SPS issues in wider cooperation programmes)
- ☐ Specific SPS training programmes



# Training on animal health

- Collaboration with International Organisations e.g. OIE, EU MS
  - 21 Conferences on animal health for European Neighbourhood Policy countries
  - EU Action Plan on Animal Health foresees collaboration with EU MS via task forces for actions in the EU-MED and Black Sea region



# Better training for safer food (BTSF)

- Targeted training on EU import conditions and EU SPS standards
  - Mainly intended for EU Member States, but also for Third Countries
  - Workshops with focus on theory and practice, case studies, simulation exercises (both in Brussels as well as in TC)
  - hands-on training on specific subjects (specific topics, laboratory training both in EU MS as in TC)
  - “ad hoc” trainings in TC
    - > flexible, targeted, demand-driven, tailor-made



## **EU programmes 2009**

**HACCP**

**Food hygiene/controls**

**Plant health**

**TSE (tbc)**

**Food contact materials (tbc)**

## **EU programmes 2009-10**

**Veterinary and food safety checks in BIPs**

**Microbiological criteria/zoonoses**

**Animal welfare**

**Plant Protection Products**

**Feed Law**

**Import control on non-animal origin products**





## **Third country programmes 2009**

**Food testing for Asean Countries (7/2009)**

## **Third country programmes 2009-10**

**RASFF and TRACES**

**EU food standards**

**Avian Influenza**

**GMO (Sept 2009 – Sept 2010)**

**Food testing on SPS (2010-11)**



# BTSF Africa

## ■ OIE: 4 Activities

- ☐ Evaluation of Performance of VS + follow-up
- ☐ Improvement of national / regional legal framework
- ☐ Laboratory capacity (twinning)
- ☐ Training of CVOs / National Focal Points



# BTSF Africa

- Agriconsulting Europe: 2 Activities
  - Twelve 5-day regional ‘training of trainers’ workshops:
    - 2 x 5 EPA Regions
    - 2 x 1 North Africa
    - 2 one-day (opening and closing) conferences
  - Sustained missions and ad hoc missions (SMEs):
    - 1,560 days / 12 experts / 6 Regions (~ 26 countries)



# BTSF Africa

- AETS: 1 Activity
  - 3 Intensive Trainings for officials of the AUC, RECs and specialised bodies



# BTSF Africa

## Regional workshops on harmonisation of inspections Concrete activities in 2009

- 6-10 July: Accra/Ghana for West Africa
- 21-25 September: Congo/Brazza for Central Africa
- 19-23 October: Egypt for Northern Africa
- 23-27 November: South Africa for SADC
- 7-11 December: Zambia for ESA



# BTSF Africa

Regional workshops on harmonisation of inspections

Concrete activities in 2009

- ☐ February: Gabon for Central Africa
- ☐ March: Morocco for Northern Africa
- ☐ April: Uganda for SADC
- ☐ May: Mali for Western Africa
- ☐ June: Madagascar for ESA
- ☐ September and October: to be decided