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Contribution

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- 1. GIZ: Our profile
- 2. Our approach to Capacity Building
- 3. ASEAN-German Cooperation Project: "Competition Policy and Law in ASEAN" (CPL II) Project





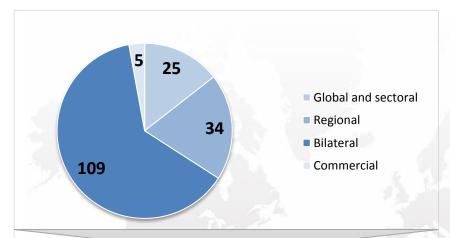
1. Our profile: GIZ

- Implementation of technical assistance projects on behalf of the German government, its partner governments and other bodies (e.g. EU)
- A company under private law, owned by the Federal Republic of Germany
- Operations in Germany + over 130 countries around the world
- Business volume > EUR 2.14 billion (annual, 2015)
- Main commissioning party: the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ): EUR 1.7 billion (annual, 2015)
- 17,139 employees worldwide Portfolio Economic Policy & Private Sector Development: 173 projects, volume 1.1 billion Euro (aggregate)

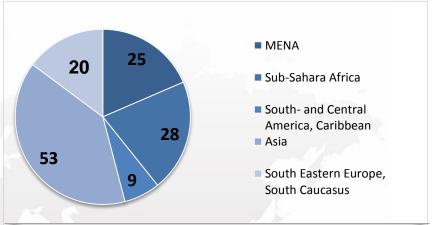




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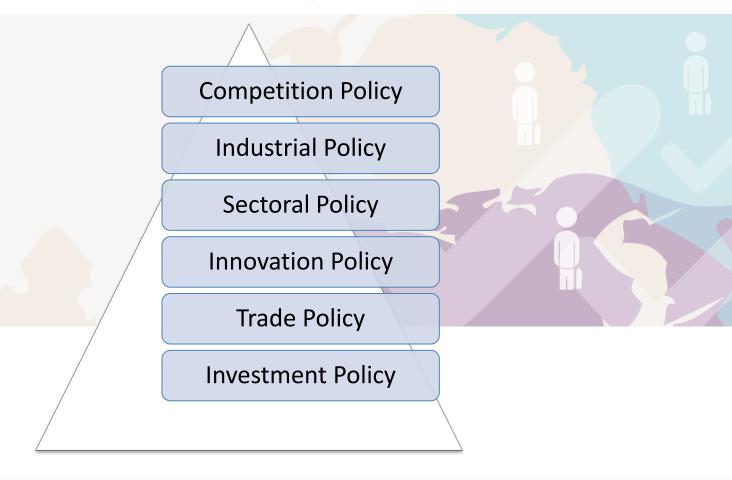
- > 109 bilateral projects (ca. 563 mln €)
- > 25 global, sectoral projects (ca. 288 mln €)
- > 34 regional projects (ca. 236 mln €)
- 5 projects commercial branch (ca. 26 mln €)



- > Ca. 40% of projects in Asia
- Ca. 38 % of projects in MENA and SSA

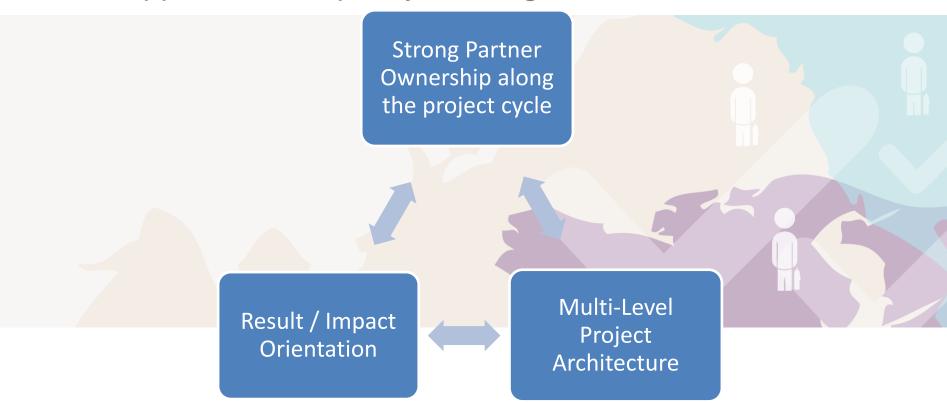














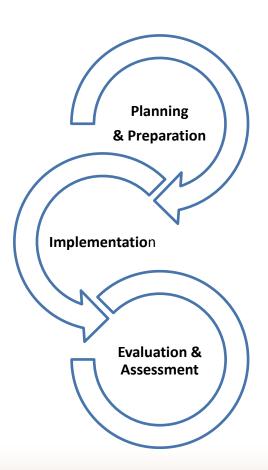


- Strong partner ownership along the project cycle:
- Joint planning and preparation

(desk studies, actors/stakeholder mapping, process analyses, industry & institutional analyses, in depth interviews, preparation/planning workshops, identification of objectives & indicators)

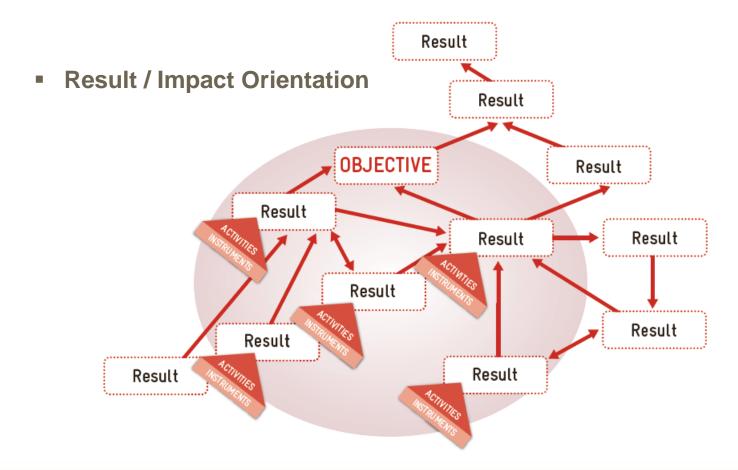
- Proximity and flexibility during <u>implementation</u>
- > Joint evaluation & assessment

(Knowledge transfer, architecture for future cooperation, exit strategy & institutional anchoring)













Multi-Level Project Architecture

Enhancing individual competencies

intraorganisational processes & management Fostering
(cross border)
interorganisational
networks

Improving
the
regulatory/legal
framework



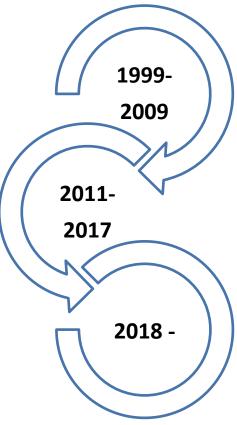


3. ASEAN: Support for Competition and Consumer Protection

 In 1999, GIZ's support to competition policy started in Indonesia

(the introduction of the law was assisted by a team of German experts led by Prof. Kartte, a former President of the German Federal Cartel Office)

- Since 2011, GIZ has also been actively promoting competition reforms in the ASEAN Member States (enhancing legal and institutional prerequisites at the regional and national levels)
- Since 2015, this support has been complemented by selected activities on consumer protection
 (which are set to be expanded to a broader regional project with ASEAN by 2018)







3. ASEAN Competition Policy and Law Project

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Regional Cooperation:
Mechanism to handle cross-border competition

cases

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Regional Cooperation: Key elements of a regional work plan 3

Legal Framework:
Set of national rules

Objective:

The legal framework and/or institutional set up for promoting competition in the ASEAN Member States is introduced or improved.

Core Competencies for Enforcement:

Improved implementation of competition laws

Advocacy:

Improved regional and national information tools (+ monitoring system)





3. ASEAN Competition Policy and Law Project

Bridging the

"Implementation Gap"
between regional commitment
and national policies



- Assisting Member States in the introduction of competition laws, as part of their commitments towards the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) 2015.
- Strengthening the position of less advanced countries in the regional dialogue and cooperation on competition policy.
- Supporting decision making process when certain issues are most effectively addressed at the national, regional or group level.
- Fostering the exchange of experiences and knowledge transfer within the region, incl. secondments and study visits between more advanced and newer competition agencies.





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- Training on economic analyses for competition-related agencies (together with OECD, Nov. 2015)
- Support for Drafting the Law on Business Competion of LAO, PDR (Study tours to Indonesia)
- Study tour of a delegation from the Supreme Court of Justice, Indonesia, to the Federal Cartel Office and the Federal Court of Justice in Germany.
- Regional Workshops (e.g. "Monitoring the Effectiveness of Competition Regimes";
 "Economic Analysis for Competition Law Enforcement"



Outlook

- GIZ and UNCTAD are pursuing an intensive exchange of information and complementary approaches for capacity building
- Although not formalized, there is often already coordination at the planning stage in order to avoid thematic or temporal overlaps.
- Contributions from different development partners are now guided by the new strategic action plans of ASEAN in the areas of competition policy and consumer protection.
- This example of successful GIZ-UNCTAD cooperation can be expanded to other countries and regions.





Thank you for your attention!

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