

Country: Viet Nam

Background:

Type of body: PRO-committee

Official name:

The Vietnam Center for Trade Facilitation and E-business (VnECPRO), which is a non-governmental organisation, and

The Standards Committee named TCVN 154, which is part of the Directorate for Standards, Metrology and Quality, a governmental body.

Motivation for its establishment: The main motivations were to set up new regulations and decisions for national economic development as well as having resources to actively participate in different projects as stated below:

The Ministry of Science and Technology collaborated with the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UNCEFACT) and Asia Pacific Council for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (AFACT) in 2000;

The Ministry of Science and Technology and the Ministry of Transport participated in the MultiTransport human capacities building in 2001-2003;

The State Agency on Management Quality requested support to establish the Information and Communication Technology Standards for Process, Data Elements and Documentation in Commerce, Transport, Industry and Administration in collaboration with other Ministries. This initiative aimed to develop national trade facilitation standards in particular the UNCEFACT standards-2004;

The TCVN154 assisted the Ministry of Trade in elaborating the new e-commerce regulation, in 2006;

Ministries and the TCVN154 developed a pilot project following standards, namely Mid-Term Evaluation of the European Technical Assistance Programme for Vietnam 2 (ETV2), EU project and Metadata economics building 2008-2009.

Year of establishment:

The Vietnam Center for Trade Facilitation and E-business in 2000;

The TCVN154 in 2004.

Institutional Framework:

Working structure of the group: The Ministry of Science and Technology is the Chair of Committee.

Ministries representatives and Directors of the Information and Communication Technology Department are members of the Committee.

Permanent technical secretariat: Yes, the TCVN 154.

Funding:

Budget: Yes

Sources of funding:

The Ministry of Science and Technology's budget (up to the amount of 100 million VND equivalent to 5000 USD per year) for Standards and public building.

Funds from international projects such as for the pilot project on capacity building and ongoing seminars.

Items covered by the budget:

Standards and public building, and
Capacity building and ongoing seminars.

Objectives / Focus:

Working plan: Yes, the group follows the working plan of the ongoing projects.

Monitoring and evaluation: The Chair of Standards Committee is responsible for monitoring the progress.

Reporting form and supervisory authority: Annual reports.

Promotion / Communication:

Communication channels to keep stakeholders informed of TF meetings: Documents are sent by post and by email.

Lessons learned:

Success factors:

To count with the regular support from UNCEFACT and UNECE senior expert proving ideas, documentation and advice by email.

To have direct contact and support from UNESCAP.

To have active members.

Greatest obstacles: To receive international direct support to focal point of seminars and ongoing projects.

Lessons learned from your experience:

To keep contact with UNCEFACT and UNECE is convenient.

The support and continuous information to members is important..

Future plans:



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Plans for further development:

- To continue developing the TCVN 154;
- To develop pilots national and international projects;
- To build human resources on information and technology, in particular standards;
- To adopt regulation, basically standards; and
- To appoint focal point for UNCEFACT regulation to support pilot and ongoing projects.

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