

EU Results Framework Indicator methodology note

1. Indicator name
Amount of the EU funded international cooperation and development assistance contributing to trade facilitation
2. Technical Definition
The indicator is included at Level 3 of the EU Results Framework and aims to report the financial value of EU funded international cooperation and development assistance directed towards trade facilitation on an annual basis in terms of commitments. Only funds under the financial instruments managed by European Commission's Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO) are included. The EU definition of "trade facilitation" follows the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) Creditor Reporting System (CRS) code 33120: 'Simplification and harmonisation of international import and export procedures (e.g. customs valuation, licensing procedures, transport formalities, payments, insurance); support to customs departments and other border agencies, including in particular implementation of the provisions of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement; tariff reforms'
3. Rationale (including which policy priority, and how is this indicator linked to that policy priority)
<p>The EU has committed to at least maintain, from 2014 onwards, the same level of funding for trade facilitation as that provided during 2007-2011. This commitment was made at the 9th WTO Ministerial Conference held in December 2013 in Bali, Indonesia to support the endorsement of the Trade Facilitation Agreement.</p> <p>The official EU statement (http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-13-1224_en.htm) reads as follows:</p> <p>"The EU will aim to maintain at least its current level of support to trade facilitation over a five-year period; starting from the signature of the Trade Facilitation Agreement, namely <u>€400 million over five years</u>, or over a third of developing countries' estimated needs, primarily through regular EU aid channels."</p> <p>This commitment was reiterated in the European Commission Communication in 2017 on <i>Achieving Prosperity through Trade and Investment: Updating the 2007 Joint EU Strategy on Aid for Trade</i>.</p>
4. Data calculation (including any assumptions made)
<p>Yearly commitments for EU funded international cooperation and development assistance will be reported in EUR based on financial data extracted from DG DEVCO's internal systems (e.g. CRIS/data warehouse).</p> <p>Step 1 – For a given year, Decisions will be selected using the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose DAC code: 33120; • Instrument: those managed by DG DEVCO¹;

¹ DCI, EDF, EIDHR, Nuclear Safety, IcSP and Greenland

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commitment date (VISA ORDO) between 1st of January and 31st of December of the year to be reported. <p>Step 2 – Commitments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU commitments corresponding to the "EU contribution" in the OECD CRS for the Decisions identified above will be extracted. <p>Step 3 – The financial value of commitments for the year to be reported will be calculated by aggregating the data above across countries. This corresponds to <i>the financial value of EU funded international cooperation and development assistance committed to trade facilitation</i>.</p> <p>A standard extraction is executed from DG DEVCO's internal systems (e.g. data warehouse) following the criteria above every year.</p>
5. Level of disaggregation
N/A
6. Is it used by another organisation or in the framework of international initiatives, conventions, etc? If so, which?
This type of indicator is routinely measured by other donors and tracked by the OECD through the Creditors Reporting System (CRS).
7. Other issues
<p>In <u>December 2013</u>, WTO members concluded negotiations on a Trade Facilitation Agreement at the Bali Ministerial Conference, as part of a wider "Bali Package". Since then, WTO members have undertaken a legal review of the text. On <u>27 November 2014</u>, and in line with the decision adopted in Bali, WTO members adopted a Protocol of Amendment to insert the new Agreement into Annex 1A of the WTO Agreement. The Trade Facilitation Agreement entered into force on 22 February 2017.</p> <p>The Trade Facilitation Agreement requires Members to submit information on their assistance and support for capacity building. Reporting should cover information on assistance that has been disbursed over the past twelve months and is committed for the next twelve months. Support to implementation of the provisions of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement is included in the definition of the DAC purpose code 33120.</p>