



MEMORANDUM

FOR/TO : **The Executive Director**
National Water Resources Board

The Directors
Biodiversity Management Bureau
Environmental Management Bureau
Forest Management Bureau
Climate Change Service
Foreign Assisted and Special Projects Service

FROM : **The OIC Director**
Policy and Planning Service

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR COMMENTS/INPUTS ON THE
PROJECT PROPOSAL ON ASEAN-EU GREEN TEAM
EUROPE INITIATIVE**

DATE : **24 JAN 2024**

This pertains to the email from Ms. Natalia Derodofa of the ASEAN Secretariat dated 21 December 2023 requesting for guidance from ASOEN regarding the Project Proposal on ASEAN-EU Green Team Europe Initiative submitted by EU.

Last 15 September 2023, the EU submitted a project proposal on Technical Assistance Facility to the Green Team Europe Initiative (TAF-GTEI) to the ASEAN Secretariat, with a view to report on the good progress of the said project during the ASEAN-EU Foreign Ministers' Meeting on 2 February 2024 in Brussels, Belgium, and also to the ASEAN-EU Ministerial Dialogue on Environment and Climate Change proposed to be held virtually either on 31 January or 1 February 2024.

The ASEAN Secretariat is seeking guidance for the following:

1. Project Cost and Duration
The project will be implemented for a duration of four (4) years with a budget of EUR 14 Million
2. Overall Objectives

Activities will focus on supporting collective ASEAN efforts in environmental protection and climate action through policy dialogue and capacity development, the provision of expertise and the identification and dissemination of good practices across ASEAN countries as well as awareness raising in areas of i) climate change;

ii) biodiversity, sustainable landscapes, forestry and oceans; iii) sustainable food systems; and (iv) clean, affordable and secure energy

3. Project Appraisal and Approval

ASOEN is proposed by EU to be the lead sponsoring/endorsing body for the proposal.

4. Implementation Arrangements

The EU has awarded a service contract to a Consortium formed by NIRAS International Consulting Group A/S (Denmark) and GOPA Worldwide Consultants (Germany) as Technical Assistance Team to implement the project. The entire budget will be allocated to this service contract. The Consortium Team Leader will report to the Project Manager in the EU Delegation.

Project Steering Committee will be established to supervise the execution and overall direction of the Project, consisting of the following:

- a. Head of Cooperation from EU Delegation to ASEAN;
- b. Country Coordinator for ASEAN-EU Dialogue Relations;
- c. Director-level representatives from the ASEAN Secretariat;
- d. Working-level representatives from the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the ASEAN; and
- e. Other pertinent representatives from EU and ASEAN Sectoral bodies as invited by the Co-Chairs as necessary.

Project Management Team will be established to ensure effective, timely implementation of the project consisting of:

- a. Working level participation of the country coordinator for ASEAN-EU Dialogue Relations;
- b. EU Delegation to ASEAN;
- c. ASEAN Secretariat (PCPMD)
- d. ASEAN Secretariat Divisions at the Assistant Director level; and
- e. Key staff of the implementing consortium (NIRAS/GOPA)

In view of the above, may we kindly seek your inputs on the endorsement by ASOEN, project implementation arrangements. We would appreciate receiving your inputs/comments on or before 26 January 2024.

For your information and appropriate action, please.


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[TEI] [ASOEN] [For Consideration and/or Guidance] Project Proposal on ASEAN-EU Green Team Europe Initiative (TEI)

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ASOEN Chairperson

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Subject: [TEI] [ASOEN] [For Consideration and/or Guidance] Project Proposal on ASEAN-EU Green Team Europe Initiative (TEI)

Dear Sir / Madam,

We are writing with reference to the Joint Leaders' Statement of the ASEAN-EU Commemorative Summit held on 14 December 2022 in Brussels, Belgium, that 'seek a closer partnership on green and sustainable development between ASEAN and the EU, building upon the Green Team Europe Initiative that was launched during the 3rd ASEAN-EU Dialogue on Sustainable Development in November 2021, where applicable, and noting the EU's EUR 30 M Green Initiative Programme to support ASEAN-EU cooperation on climate action, circular economy, environmental and biodiversity protection, clean energy transition, disaster resilience, prevention of illegal logging, wildlife trafficking and air pollution.'

In view of the above, on 15 September 2023, the EU submitted a project proposal on Technical Assistance Facility to the Green Team Europe Initiative (TAF-GTEI) to the ASEAN Secretariat, with a view to reporting on good progress of the TEI at political level at the upcoming ASEAN-EU Foreign Ministers' Meeting on 2 February 2024 in Brussels, Belgium, and also to the ASEAN-EU Ministerial Dialogue on Environment and Climate Change, which is now proposed by the EU to the ASEAN-EU Country Coordinator to be organised virtually on 31 January or 3 February 2024.

Environment Division of the ASEAN Secretariat would like to highlight key aspects of the Project and seek ASOEN's consideration and guidance on the underlined texts below:

1. Project Cost and Duration

The project is proposed to be implemented for the duration of 4 years with a budget of EUR 14 million.

2. Overall objectives

The overall objective of the TAF-GTEI is to enhance the ASEAN-EU partnership and reduce negative environmental impacts, as well as climate-related and disaster risks.

Activities will focus on supporting collective ASEAN efforts in environmental protection and climate action through policy dialogue and capacity development, the provision of expertise and the identification and dissemination of good practices across ASEAN countries as well as awareness raising in the areas of (i) climate change; (ii) biodiversity, sustainable landscapes, forestry and oceans; (iii) sustainable food systems; and (iv) clean, affordable and secure energy. The expected outcomes of the Project are as follows:

- Outcome 1: Cooperation with and within ASEAN for developing and implementing ambitious climate policies is improved.
- Outcome 2: The equitable and sustainable management of regional natural capital and landscapes is made more effective.
- Outcome 3: The transition towards sustainable and climate resilient food systems in ASEAN is promoted
- Outcome 4: The transition towards clean energy and greater energy efficiency is accelerated.

The full project proposal, matrix of activities, as well as project summary, are enclosed for your reference.

3. Project Appraisal and Approval

ASOEN is proposed by the EU to be the lead sponsoring/endorsing body to endorse the project proposal. -

In this regard, we wish to seek ASOEN's consideration and guidance on EU's proposal for ASOEN to be the lead sponsoring/endorsing body, and/or the need for endorsement from relevant Working Group(s) / Sectoral Bodies.

(AWGCC, AWGNCA, AWGCMC,
needs AMAF, ASEAN Minister on Energy)

4. Implementation Arrangements

The EU has awarded a service contract to a **Consortium formed by NIRAS International Consulting Group A/S (Denmark) and GOPA Worldwide Consultants (Germany)** as the Technical Assistance Team to implement the Project. The entire budget will be allocated to this service contract. The Consortium Team Leader will report to the Project Manager in the EU Delegation.

Project Steering Committee (PSC) shall be established to supervise the execution and overall direction of the Project. The PSC functions as the authoritative body for strategic decision-making.

The PSC is proposed to consist of:

- Head of Cooperation from the EU Delegation to ASEAN,
- Country Coordinator for ASEAN–EU Dialogue Relations,
- Director-level representatives from the ASEAN Secretariat (Heads of relevant Directorates or their designated representatives),
- Working-level representatives from the Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN (CPR),
- Other pertinent representatives from EU and ASEAN sectoral bodies as invited by the co-chairs, as necessary.

Project Management Team (PMT) will be established to ensure the effective and timely implementation of the project and follow up on decisions made by the PSC.

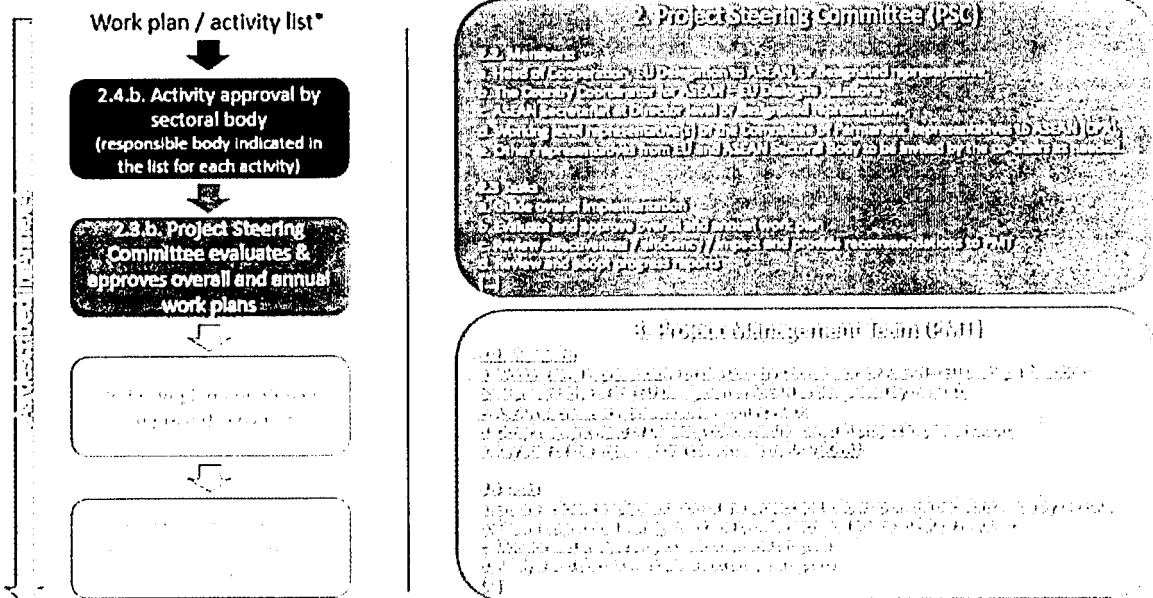
PMT is proposed to consist of:

- Working level participation of the Country Coordinator for ASEAN-EU Dialogue Relations,
- EU Delegation to ASEAN,
- ASEAN Secretariat (PCPMD),
- ASEAN Secretariat Divisions at the Assistant Director level, and
- Key staff of the implementing consortium NIRAS/GOPA.

The implementation arrangements are reflected in the Chart as below.

Project proposal: Technical Assistance Facility to the Green Team Europe Initiative (TAF-GTEI)

Visualisation of proposed governance and coordination structures / processes (based on Annex 4 to the project proposal)



* 2.4.b. All activities to be developed with inputs from ASEAN officials and EU Delegation. A first version is in Annex 3 to the project proposal

In this regard, we wish to seek ASOEN's consideration and guidance on the above proposed Implementation Arrangements.

5. Status Update

The Proposal has undergone a few rounds of consultations with ASEC relevant divisions, namely the Environment Division (ED), Analysis and Monitoring on Finance and Socio-Economic Division (AMSFED), and Enterprises and Stakeholders Engagement Division, facilitated by the Programme Coordination and Project Management Division (PCPMD), to discuss the proposed key activities & outputs, appraisal and approval process of the project, and the project implementation arrangement/governance . As a result, the enclosed documents have addressed and incorporated some of ASEC inputs/feedback by the EU, while ASOEN remains to be the proposed main sponsoring/endorsing body.

6. Environment Division's Observation

As the scope of the project is beyond the purview of ASOEN (e.g. environment, forestry and agriculture, energy), the Project may require multi-sector involvement, it may be a challenge for ASOEN to be the lead sponsoring/endorsing body for the project, for the following reasons:

- a) There is no clear indication of working relationship between ASOEN, other sectoral bodies (e.g. Agriculture, Forestry, Food, Energy, SMEs, Standards), and relevant ASEAN centres)
- b) There is no clear working relationship between ASOEN/sub-sectoral bodies with PSC and PMT
- c) There is no indication of support from others sectoral bodies and/or CPR for ASOEN to be the main Sectoral Body to lead or manage the project implementation.
- d) Similarly, there is no clear role of Environment Division in project management nor coordination.

In this regard, we wish to seek ASOEN's consideration and/or guidance on the following: (i) endorsement of this EU's proposal considering ASOEN to be the main sponsoring/endorsing body; and (ii) the proposed project implementation arrangements (particularly the PSC). We would appreciate receiving your kind consideration and/or guidance by **16 January 2024**.

Thank you.

Regards,

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


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