Cooperation of EU and ASEAN in the field of Aid Effectiveness

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Initial considerations

The relationship between the EU & ASEAN regions

The relationship between aid effectiveness
 & regional economic integration

EU and ASEAN

- Close relationship of more than 30 years
- Natural partners sharing same goals for citizens
- Committed to promote effective multilateralism as a means of tackling global challenges

Unida en la diversidad

United in Diversity

Aid Effectiveness & Economic Integration

EU efforts towards more effective ODA

- Contributes to economic integration at different levels;
 - Globally
 - Regionally
 - Bilaterally

AE impact on regional economic integration

- Bridging development gaps
- More efficient aid approach applying key AE considerations
- Regional integration also a political commitment

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EU-ASEAN Cooperation on AE (1)

EU guided both by global AE commitments & EU specific commitments and guidelines

- > AE cooperation with ASEAN
 - focus on long-term approaches, budget support, sectoral approaches, policy dialogue, joint analytical work, joint implementation, concentration of activities, promotion of ownership

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EU-ASEAN Cooperation on AE (2)

- How can the implementation of the Paris Declaration support economic integration in Southeast Asia?
- AAA confirmed more needs to be done w/ regard to Capacity Development
- Example: Role of Capacity Development in Regional Integration

AE positive impact on regional integration by contribution to:

- Strengthened solidity of institutions & better governance through capacity development & emphasis on partner country ownership
- Strengthened country systems through mutual accountability approaches
- Positive investment climate through increased transparency, more solid systems & better protection of IPRs

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EU-ASEAN Cooperation on AE (3)

<u>Focus on support to</u> strengthen social cohesion and reduce existing gaps between the countries in the region, building capacity to adapt to the changing global environment and staying competitive

Examples:

- ASEAN-EU Programme for Regional Integration Support (APRIS)
- ASEAN Project on the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights (ECAP)

EU Approach to Delivering on Paris Declaration Commitments

- Continued and reconfirmed strong political commitment to the Aid Effectiveness agenda
- Adoption of the Operational Framework on Aid Effectiveness (2009)

Target: Accelerating progress and demonstrating concrete results in time for the 4th High Level Forum in Seoul 2011

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