



Sustainable Urban Transport and Clean Air for Smaller Cities in the ASEAN - Region

**German Government Support to the
“ASEAN Working Group on Environmentally Sustainable Cities“**

**A project in support of the regional EST - Initiative
- presently under appraisal -**

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Background

The Framework

The ASEAN Working Group on Environmentally Sustainable Cities

The Challenge:

Medium-sized cities play vital role national development but...

- ... suffer from extensive environmental degradation, the extent is often not even known**
- ... tend to be neglected in overall development planning and in national and international consideration,**
- ... lack capacities for generating sufficient local financial resources and often suffer from weak capacities to utilise available resources,**
- ... lack strong and effective administrative structures, and adequate numbers of trained technical personnel.**



The Project Objective (2006)

Small and medium-sized cities are increasingly able to develop and implement measures to improve the air quality and to contribute to sustainable development



The Output

- **Review or development of Action Plans under participation of civil society and the private sector related to clean air and sustainable urban transport, including assessment of base-line conditions**
- **Support in the implementation and monitoring of the Action Plans**
- **Support in seeking financial assistance through Development Banks**



The Approach

- **National Workshops in each ASEAN country**
 - to prepare the ground for “Clean Air” issues
 - to pre-select candidate cities together with a coordinating central government authority
- **At the level of selected cities**
 - Organisation of Workshops to guide in the development of action plans
 - provision of technical assistance to implement and monitor the action plans
- **Dissemination of experience**
 - in international conferences (once a year) at ASEAN level



Example for Workshop Contents

Transport

- **Improvement of Public Transport (presenting options e.g. „Think TRAIN Do BUS“)**
- **Introduction of traffic management, including parking restrictions**
- **Promotion of non-motorised transport (walking, cycling, shading)**
- **Strengthening of vehicle emission control enforcement (where applicable and possible)**
- **Adequate land-use planning to avoid motorised trips**

Stationary Sources (incl. open burning)

- **Review of licencing practices, zoning, “lobbying“ at national level for tighter standards**
- **Introduction of „best available technique“ approaches (if applicable)**
- **Improvement of enforcement practices**
- **Raising of public awareness**



The Input

- **Initial project period: 3-4 years**
- **1 international and 1 long-term regional (from ASEAN member countries) consultant;**
- **Local country experts/managers, one in each participating cities, maximum 8 cities with an average employment time of 2 years;**
- **International and local short-term experts, working closely together in various fields (to be defined during the national and city workshops).**
- **Funds for organising city, national and regional workshops and conferences.**



Cooperation and Alliances

- **Counterpart Organisation: ASEAN Secretariat**
- **Executing Agency: Secretariat of AWGESC**
- **Cooperation with Clean Air Initiative for Asian Cities**
- **Cities' Alliance**
- **Regional EST - Initiative**
- **national and international city associations**
- **other donors**
- **others to be determined (Worldbank, ADB, EU, KfW etc)**



Actual State-of-the-Art

- **GTZ has recommended the project to the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)**
- **An Appraisal mission is currently taking place to plan the project in detail together with ASEAN Secretariat, Chair of AWGESC and the cities**
- **The final project documents will be elaborated early 2007**







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