

FACTSHEET

Partnering for Resilient, Inclusive Infrastructure with ASEAN



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Partnerships for Infrastructure's Collaboration with ASEAN

Partnerships for Infrastructure (P4I) is an Australian Government initiative partnering with Southeast Asia to foster inclusive growth through sustainable infrastructure.

Since 2021, P4I has worked together with ASEAN to drive practical cooperation on shared infrastructure priorities, including renewable energy, transport and connectivity, and inclusive and climate resilient infrastructure. P4I works directly with ASEAN bodies including the ASEAN Secretariat, the ASEAN Centre for Energy, the Lead Implementing Body on Sustainable Infrastructure, the ASEAN Energy Regulators Network, and the Heads of ASEAN Power Utilities/Authorities, as well as individually with ASEAN Member States (AMS) to support their implementation of ASEAN commitments at the country level.

Sector Progress & Impact



57%
of activities

Energy

Working with the ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE) and AMS to accelerate the clean energy transition across the region through knowledge sharing, capacity building and technical assistance, including in support of the ASEAN Plan of Action for Energy Cooperation 2016 – 2025 and ASEAN Strategy for Carbon Neutrality.



29%
of activities

Transport

Supporting the ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC) and AMS to improve regional maritime connectivity in line with the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC) 2025, with a focus on port digitalisation and automation, public private partnerships, port decarbonisation, and effective and resilient maritime connectivity.



14%
of activities

Inclusive and Climate Resilient Infrastructure

Collaborating with ASEC and AMS to promote inclusive, climate resilient and sustainable infrastructure policy and practices, including on women's leadership and gender mainstreaming in infrastructure, infrastructure productivity, and the just and inclusive energy transition.

Looking Forward

Australia is committed to deepening the relationship with ASEAN bodies and supporting ASEAN as the key regional platform for peer-to-peer knowledge sharing, capacity building, and advocacy on strengthening inclusive and resilient infrastructure decision making:

- P4I will continue to build upon these proven areas of sector engagement, particularly across **maritime transport and connectivity and inclusive infrastructure**, while remaining attuned to emerging priorities.
- P4I's activities will continue to align with priorities as laid out in ASEAN's key guiding frameworks and strategies including the ASEAN Community Vision to 2045 and ASEAN Strategy for Carbon Neutrality, and upcoming frameworks to be launched in 2025 including the 2045 ASEAN Connectivity Strategic Plan and ASEAN Plan of Action on Energy Cooperation (APEC) 2026 – 2030.
- In 2025, P4I will bolster Australia's responsiveness to ASEAN Chair year priorities by providing targeted support and alignment to Malaysia as 2025 ASEAN Chair, building upon a comprehensive portfolio of bilateral work with Malaysia across maritime transport and the energy transition.

Project Highlight

Australia is partnering with the region to enhance maritime connectivity. The focus is on smart ports and digitalisation, public-private partnership (PPP) best practice, port governance, green ports, and port automation.

Enhancing Container Circulation in ASEAN

The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted supply chains, exposing longstanding structural issues in the container industry, resulting in congestion at ports, and impacting economies, businesses and households. Addressing these problems is crucial to unlocking the growth and potential of the ASEAN region and advancing economic integration.

In 2022, P4I supported ASEC and Thailand in a study to promote container circulation in the region, a Priority Economic Deliverable for Cambodia's ASEAN Chairmanship in 2022. On 16 October 2022, the 28th ASEAN Transport Ministers Meeting adopted the Implementation Framework on Enhancing Container Processing and Circulation in the ASEAN Member States, including its Action Plan, based on the study's findings. The Action Plan delivers increased resilience of regional container shipping, maritime transport logistics and multimodal transport, which in turn, would bolster intra-ASEAN and international trade flows in the region.

To support practical implementation, Australia has since worked through P4I with ASEC to develop ASEAN Port Digitalisation and Automation Best Practice Guidelines to improve productivity, planning and the integration of climate resilience and inclusiveness in the region's port sector; and ASEAN Port Sector PPP Guidelines based on Australian, ASEAN and global best practice to help attract quality investment in the region's port infrastructure. Both of these Guidelines and their studies were endorsed at the 30th ASEAN Transport Ministers Meeting in November 2024.



Port of Melbourne visit Port Klang during Malaysia Maritime Week 2024.

Partnership in Action

Through P4I's government to government partnerships, P4I has facilitated collaborations between ASEAN and leading Australian government agencies, research institutes and private sector through study tours, workshops, studies, and events.

In 2023 and 2024, P4I supported the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) to attend the ASEAN Energy Regulator Network (AERN) annual meeting and share Australian expertise with AMS on best practice regulation and integration of renewable energy into power grids.

Government to Government Collaboration



The ASEAN Lead Implementing Body for Sustainable Infrastructure (LIB-SI), Partnerships for Infrastructure, and the ASEAN Secretariat co-organised the Workshop on Women's Leadership and Gender Mainstreaming in Infrastructure, bringing together leaders from across the region.

Who We Are

Partnerships for Infrastructure (P4I) is delivered by four diverse organisations working as one team and united by a shared commitment to quality infrastructure development in Southeast Asia.

Building on longstanding regional engagement, Australia is partnering with governments in Southeast Asia and ASEAN to attract quality investment, address infrastructure gaps and drive inclusion and climate resilient development.

Our team is led by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and includes EY, Adam Smith International, The Asia Foundation, and Ninti One.

