

BRIDGE (Building Resilient Investments for a Diverse Green Economy):

Connecting ASEAN funders to green solutions



Project duration

Start date:
July 2025

Expected close date:
December 2026

Overview of the initiative

This project aims to catalyse financial institutions across ASEAN to scale up sustainable finance products, strengthening their capacity, enhancing regional alignment and connecting them with global sources of capital. It delivers tailored capacity-building programmes, including e-learning opportunities and workshops.

A key feature of the project is the BRIDGE matchmaking platform, which connects ASEAN funders with global investors to unlock new financing opportunities and mobilise private capital for sustainable development. BRIDGE also promotes policy cohesion through alignment with the latest ASEAN Taxonomy for Sustainable Finance and continued regional dialogues.

Key objectives

The project aims to address investment barriers and foster international partnerships by enhancing capacity, fostering connections and promoting dialogue. It targets financial institutions across ASEAN, to improve their access to capital and project financing for inclusive growth.

To achieve these objectives, the project will:

- Conduct baseline knowledge assessments, regional workshops, and develop e-learning modules on sustainable finance, blended finance, and Nature-based Solutions (NbS);
- Identify regulatory and market barriers and connect ASEAN funders with global investors through an innovative matchmaking platform;
- Provide tailored technical assistance to domestic financial institutions;
- Identify typologies of NbS projects and share best practices through inclusive workshops;
- Equip financial institutions with tools to comply with Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD) and International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) standards;
- Establish a centralised training repository and convene a high-level policy dialogue to embed long-term capacity and policy impact.



Alignment with ASEAN vision, plan and priorities

The project aims to strengthen greater regional alignment and cooperation in advancing ASEAN's sustainable climate finance agenda through the following actions:

- Supporting capacity building and upskilling on sustainable and transition finance, carbon pricing and disclosure requirements, in alignment with the ASEAN Transition Finance Guidelines (V.2), ASEAN Taxonomy, ASEAN Green Bond Standards (GBS), ASEAN Sustainability-Linked Bond Standards (SLBS), Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD), and International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) frameworks. These efforts will enhance awareness and promote a wider adoption of standards across ASEAN;
- Facilitating connections between ASEAN financiers and international capital sources through matchmaking platforms and the promotion of blended finance mechanisms. Strengthened engagement with regional and global financiers will help underscore the importance of harmonisation and regional standardisation across financial markets;
- Enabling investments in Nature-based Solutions by identifying and advancing project opportunities aligned with the recommendations of the ASEAN NbS Study, endorsed by the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF). This will foster cross-country collaboration, enhance scalability and attract investment in high-impact NbS projects.

“Through BRIDGE, we expect to make a transformative contribution to the sustainable finance sector in ASEAN — strengthening technical capacity among funders and fostering stronger connections between domestic financiers and global capital providers. Our work will enable more inclusive, gender-responsive, and community-based investments, catalysing financing for climate and Nature-based Solutions that align with ASEAN’s long-term environmental and economic goals.”

Project Director



**Long-term
outcomes**

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| 1. Accelerated financing and implementation of climate and NbS projects, contributing to improved climate resilience and community development across ASEAN. |
| 2. Strengthened transparency, accountability and reporting standards among ASEAN financial institutions, fostering greater regional credibility. |
| 3. Expanded participation of women-led and community-driven initiatives in climate finance, promoting inclusivity, equity and locally grounded climate action. |