

## Learning Roadmap to Advance Financial Inclusion in ASEAN

### Strengthening how learning areas are prioritized, delivered, and applied across ASEAN

Supporting ASEAN financial regulators and policymakers to strengthen how learning and capacity-building activities are prioritized, delivered and used, enabling more effective financial inclusion policies and regulatory practices across the region.

**The Learning Roadmap workstream is part of the ASEAN-UK Economic Integration Programme (EIP), under its Financial Services Pillar (FSP), which aims to reduce development barriers across ASEAN Member States.**

### What this workstream does

Based on learning needs already identified by ASEAN Member States (AMS), this workstream focuses on strengthening and making more systematic how learning and capacity-building are prioritised, delivered and applied across ASEAN financial sector authorities.

To reinforce existing training capability, it seeks to better structure, coordinate, and connect existing learning opportunities, ensuring they are aligned with regulatory priorities and delivered in a practical, policy-relevant way.

By supporting more targeted and coordinated learning, the workstream aims to enhance regulatory capability and strengthen policy execution.

The approach is built around three core elements:

- prioritising and sequencing learning through a structured roadmap
- delivering learning through existing providers and platforms
- supporting peer exchange, reflection and coordination on the application of learning in practice.

### Why this matters

Capacity-building is widely recognized as critical to strengthening financial regulation and inclusion. However, in practice, learning efforts are often fragmented, supply-driven, and not always aligned with the most pressing policy and regulatory needs.

Across ASEAN, regulators face several common challenges:

- difficulty prioritising among a wide range of learning topics
- limited knowledge on existing reputable learning programmes available globally
- limited alignment between training programmes and real policy work
- duplication of efforts across providers and initiatives
- limited opportunities for timely, practical exchange beyond formal meetings

At the same time, rapid developments in areas such as digital finance and financial innovation requires more responsive, coordinated, and practice-oriented learning approaches.

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## Key message

The challenge is not access to learning, but ensuring learning is **prioritised, structured, and used effectively** in practice.

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## What this workstream delivers

The workstream provides practical support across three interconnected areas – prioritising learning needs through an ASEAN-owned learning roadmap, facilitating learning delivery through existing systems and providers, and strengthening peer learning and coordination across ASEAN.



### Prioritising and sequencing learning through an ASEAN Learning Roadmap

Supporting regulators to define priority learning needs and organise learning in a structured and strategic way.

- identifying and prioritising priority themes to achieve WC-FINC objectives
- structuring and sequenced learning pathways, translating capacity needs into practical steps that guide regulators from foundational knowledge to implementation
- aligning learning priorities with ongoing policy and reform processes.



### Structuring and delivering learning through existing providers and platforms

Supporting regulators and partners to organise and deliver learning activities in a more systematic and tailored way, while building on existing initiatives to ensure relevance, uptake, and sustainability over time.

- Working through existing training providers, technical partners, regional programmes, and knowledge-sharing platforms
- Adapting and sequencing available programmes to fit structured learning pathways
- Providing early support to align, target, and activate learning delivery
- Enabling continued use of these platforms and programmes beyond the programme period



### Strengthening coordination and shared learning on application

Supporting regulators to exchange experiences, reflect on lesson learned, explore how learning can be applied in practice across ASEAN.

- Organising regional exchanges, workshops, and peer discussions on priority topics
- Facilitating sharing of experiences, approaches, and emerging practices across ASEAN Member States
- Supporting dialogue on how learning can be applied to real policy and regulatory challenges

## Targeted AMS

Engagement is demand-driven and tailored to country priorities, with support tailored to institutional context, regulatory needs, and readiness.

## What success looks like

- Widespread adoption and use of the learning roadmap as a regional learning and coordination framework
- Stronger peer collaboration, collaboration, and knowledge exchange across ASEAN Member States
- Improved translation of knowledge into policy and regulatory practices
- More coordinated and impactful capacity-building efforts and partner-supported learning initiatives

### About the ASEAN Economic Integration Programme (EIP)

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