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# Trade for Decent Work

## Project at a glance

This project supports selected EU trading partner countries to improve the application of the ILO Fundamental Conventions. This includes bringing labour law and practice in line with core International Labour Standards (ILS), building the institutional capacity of public administrations, social partners and other relevant stakeholders to support law reform and reporting, and strengthening institutional frameworks to facilitate social dialogue and conflict resolution.

### → Donor

European Union

### → Countries covered

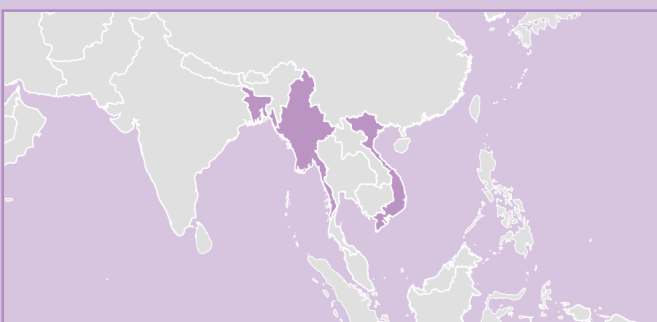
Bangladesh, Myanmar and Viet Nam

### → Project timeline

January – December 2019

### → Beneficiaries

Key ministries and other governmental agencies, employers' and workers' organizations, enterprises, key stakeholders (such as judges and legal professionals, legislative bodies, human rights institutions...) and media.



## Objectives

The project's objectives are focused on four overarching components:

1. Strengthening the capacity of constituents to actively participate in national processes to comply with International Labour Standards (ILS), particularly the Fundamental Conventions;
2. Consolidating the institutional capacity of the governments and social partners to fulfill reporting obligations regarding ILS, and concurrently abiding by its commitments to the EC to accept regular monitoring in accordance with international conventions.
3. Strengthening institutional frameworks to facilitate social dialogue, conflict resolution and industrial relations in order to enhance the implementation of ILS.

The project is promoting the ILO Tripartite Declaration of Principles concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy (2017), referenced in EU Trade for All Policy and sustainability chapters of EU Trade agreements through trainings of key actors (e.g. OECD National Contact Points) and dedicated events bringing together business and civil society, policymakers and international organisations.

4. Enhancing the capacity of tripartite constituents and other stakeholders such as the judiciary, parliamentarians, civil society organisations, human rights institutions, to advocate on the promotion and implementation of ILS.

## Main activities

The main activities of the project are:

- Awareness-raising and training on the content of selected ILO fundamental Conventions.
- Research to generate information on the status of implementation of ILS, including legislative and implementation gap analyses, advice on elements that will enable tripartite constituents to take the relevant decisions aiming at ratification and/or full implementation.
- Legal advice on the revision or drafting of legislation and regulations in light of the ILO supervisory bodies' comments.
- Setting up the institutional framework for social dialogue.
- Capacity building and training on matters related to put into practice principles of the Tripartite Declaration of Principles concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy (MNE Declaration).
- Strengthening of data collection and reporting capacity of tripartite constituents including the capacity of using the systemic approach to managing ILS constitutional obligations.
- Publication/adaptation of thematic materials on the implementation of the concerned ILS.

## Project management

This project has established an innovative management approach with an overall coordination undertaken in ILO-HQ (through the International Labour Standards department) and a Steering Committee consisting of broad cross-cutting representation from both organisations.

This Steering Committee meets biannually and provides support and guidance to review the project progress, to discuss policy, technical and operational issues related to furthering the objectives of the partnership and also to redefine the project lines of implementation, if needed.

A communication strategy ensures central gathering of the information, visibility and common branding of the action.

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