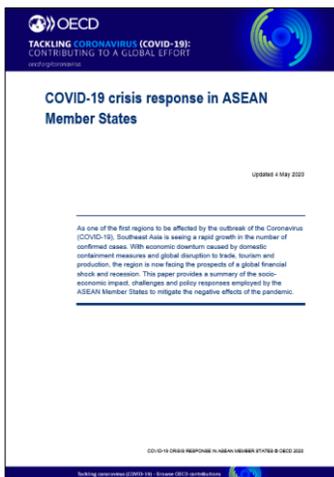




Addressing the Impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Southeast Asia

The OECD has recently launched a digital hub to formulate a co-ordinated international response to the Covid-19 pandemic. The hub hosts a large amount of analysis and policy recommendations drawing on the expertise across the OECD on areas such as health, tax, trade, labour & employment, digitalisation, tourism and SMEs. [Visit the OECD Digital Hub](#)



COVID-19 Crisis Response in ASEAN Member States

The COVID-19 pandemic has confronted us all with unprecedented challenges. The OECD team extends its sincere solidarity to the Southeast Asian region, each of the countries, and all citizens who suffer from this unprecedented situation.

There is much to admire about how individual countries in the region have addressed the pandemic, especially through the test, track and trace procedures. The OECD stands ready to leverage its Southeast Asia Regional Programme (SEARP) and country-specific engagement including the [Thailand Country Programme](#) to help mitigate the economic and social impacts of Covid-19.

[Read the Regional Note](#)

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Key policy responses highlights

SMEs: What targeted policies have governments announced to support vulnerable SMEs amidst the crisis?

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Tourism: What tourism-specific measures should governments take to address the immediate impacts on the sector and facilitate its recovery?

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Investment: What are the implications and challenges for the international investment community in addressing the crisis?

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Trade: What are the actions to keep trade flowing, both to ensure the supply of essential products and to send a signal of confidence for the global economy?

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Education: What policy solutions could support digital learning and online collaboration in response to the disruption of school and university attendance?

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Tax: What are the tax policy measures that governments have already taken to limit the impact on their citizens and their economies?

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Recent Activities of the Thailand Country Programme

The Thailand Country Programme, launched in May 2018, aims to help bolster Thailand's domestic reform agenda, support its transition to high-income status and bring the country closer to OECD legal standards and instruments. This edition highlights activities from January to April 2020. [For more information on our work with Thailand.](#)

3rd Inter-agency Taskforce Meeting of the Investment Policy Review of Thailand

6 February 2020 – Bangkok, Thailand



The OECD, in collaboration with Thailand's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, held its third taskforce meeting to discuss the first draft Investment Policy Review of Thailand. Over 50 participants from 20 Thai government agencies actively contributed to the discussion and provided high-quality and constructive inputs to shape the Review on Thailand.

In addition, the OECD held a focus group meeting dedicated to policy makers from Thailand's Board of Investment (BOI) as well as a stakeholder consultation meeting with almost 60 representatives of OECD embassies, international organisations, private sector and think-tanks in Bangkok to exchange views on reform priorities on investment policy.

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Workshop on Small and Medium Scale Biorefinery Industry Feasibility Study

20 January 2020 – Bangkok, Thailand



The OECD, in partnership with Thailand's Office of National Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation Policy Council (NXPO) and Nova Institute brought together Thai policy makers, researchers and business representatives to share policy experience and discuss policies to support the development of the biorefinery industry in Thailand.

In addition to the workshop, the OECD convened a fact finding mission and met with several stakeholders, including government agencies, research institutes, business sectors, farmers and banks in order to identify policy recommendations for the forthcoming report on bioeconomy in Thailand.

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Recent Publication on Thailand

Gender Budgeting Action Plan for Thailand

Developed in the context of the OECD Thailand Country Programme and in line with the [2015 OECD Recommendation on Gender Equality in Public Life](#) and the subsequent framework for [Designing and Implementing Gender Budgeting](#), the Action Plan assesses the Thai Government's readiness to implement gender budgeting, setting out the key challenges and opportunities that the country faces. It also provides a roadmap for Thailand to roll out an incremental approach to gender budgeting in the short, medium and long term.



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