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## ASEAN – EU Energy cooperation networking for private sector

Setting up of a Business Council for  
sustainable Energy –  
Stakeholder Consultation Meeting

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Need and mission statement

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## Overview

1. Need for the creation of a Private Sector platform  
for the promotion of sustainable energy in ASEAN
2. Mission statement and objectives





## Identified gaps in ASEAN {1}

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- ❑ Context of growing role and importance of the Private sector
  - Insufficient public funds to provide sustainable services to all, need to mobilise private investors
  - To play its full role, private sector has to be a full *partner* in policy dialogue & with financial community: needs a *platform*
- ❑ Insufficient structured dialogue with public authorities and financial sector
  - Insufficient dialogue leads to orientations / regulations in which the private sector has no ownership and can be counterproductive
  - In other countries, there is no conducive framework: formulation is a need
- ❑ Observed difficulty in mobilising finance (equity and loan) for energy investments, especially for rural and small scale
  - A lot of talk about the priority for sustainable energy, but it still seems that the economics and financial returns have difficulty in matching the criteria of investors and lenders.



## Identified gaps in ASEAN {2}

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- ❑ Limited exchange of practices, approaches and technologies across the borders of ASEAN countries
  - In technical fields – biomass, ...
  - Practices and models for implementation
- ❑ Lessons from the EU
  - A large number of specialised (by sector) associations of private companies are fully consulted and recognised partners in Regional policy formulation
  - Play a key role in exchanges – R&D, technology, practices, ...
  - Though there is no legally binding framework in ASEAN, there would be strong benefits in a regional organisation lobbying national governments in the perspective of harmonisation, and early inputs at the SOME level





## Mission and objectives

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- The Business Council will be a key partner entrusted by the private sector to foster a regular and constructive dialogue with all stakeholders and to promote exchange of views and approaches with the goal of achieving sustainable energy services provision for all in ASEAN.
  
- Preconditions
  - No duplication of activities with those of existing networks – both in the utilities forum and government officials (SSNs)
  - Focus on activities with concrete added value in order to appropriately mobilise the private sector stakeholders - members
  - The partner in dialogue with SOME
  - Proactive *driving force* for sustainable energy



## Missions {2}

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- Organise the Voice of the private sector and promote favorable market development conditions for sustainable energy
  - Become a knowledge base, capable of making proposals
- Dialogue and voice the needs and position of the private sector
  - At a regional level in dialogue with SOME and formulation of APAEC
  - At national levels through country chapters, with a regional backing
- Provide networking opportunities
  - Information and knowledge sharing between players and countries
  - Facilitation of B to B linkages
- Mobilise appropriate financing instruments
  - Understanding and solving the gaps with investors and the banking community
  - Harness international cooperation soft funds for sustainable energy – and focus particularly on the EU.





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## Discussion points

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- Are there other key identified gaps?
- Are there other needs – are those formulated justified?
- Do the private sector stakeholders present adhere to this Mission Statement?
- Are the key objectives the appropriate ones, which will meet the goals of the private sector in promoting sustainable energy?





**Thank you for your attention**

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