



# Updates on ASEAN SITS

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## SITS Data Collection in ASEANstats

- Data collection started in 2011
  - with support from the EU-ASEAN Statistical Capacity Building (EASCAB) Programme*
- Items collected:
  - Annual - Export/Import by 11/12 headings
  - Export/import for selected EBOPS details
  - Export/import by partner country
  - Inward FATS

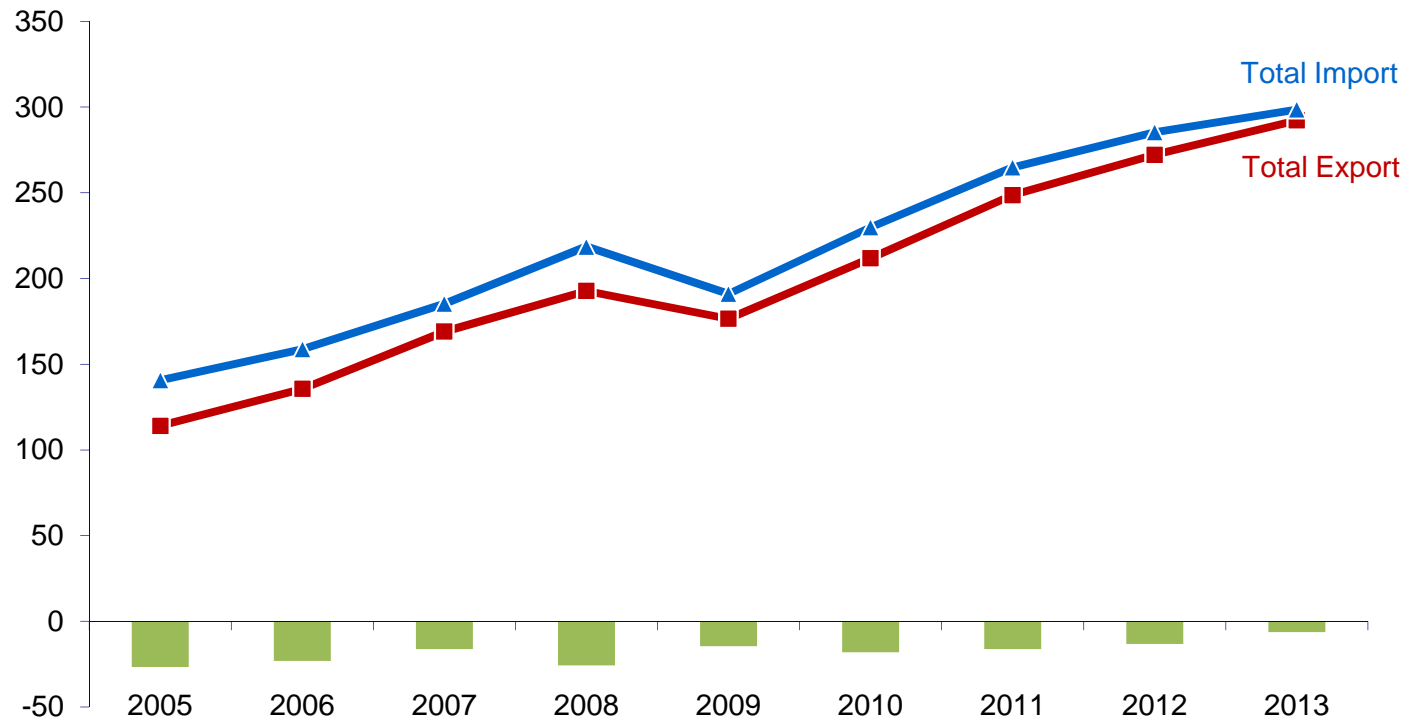


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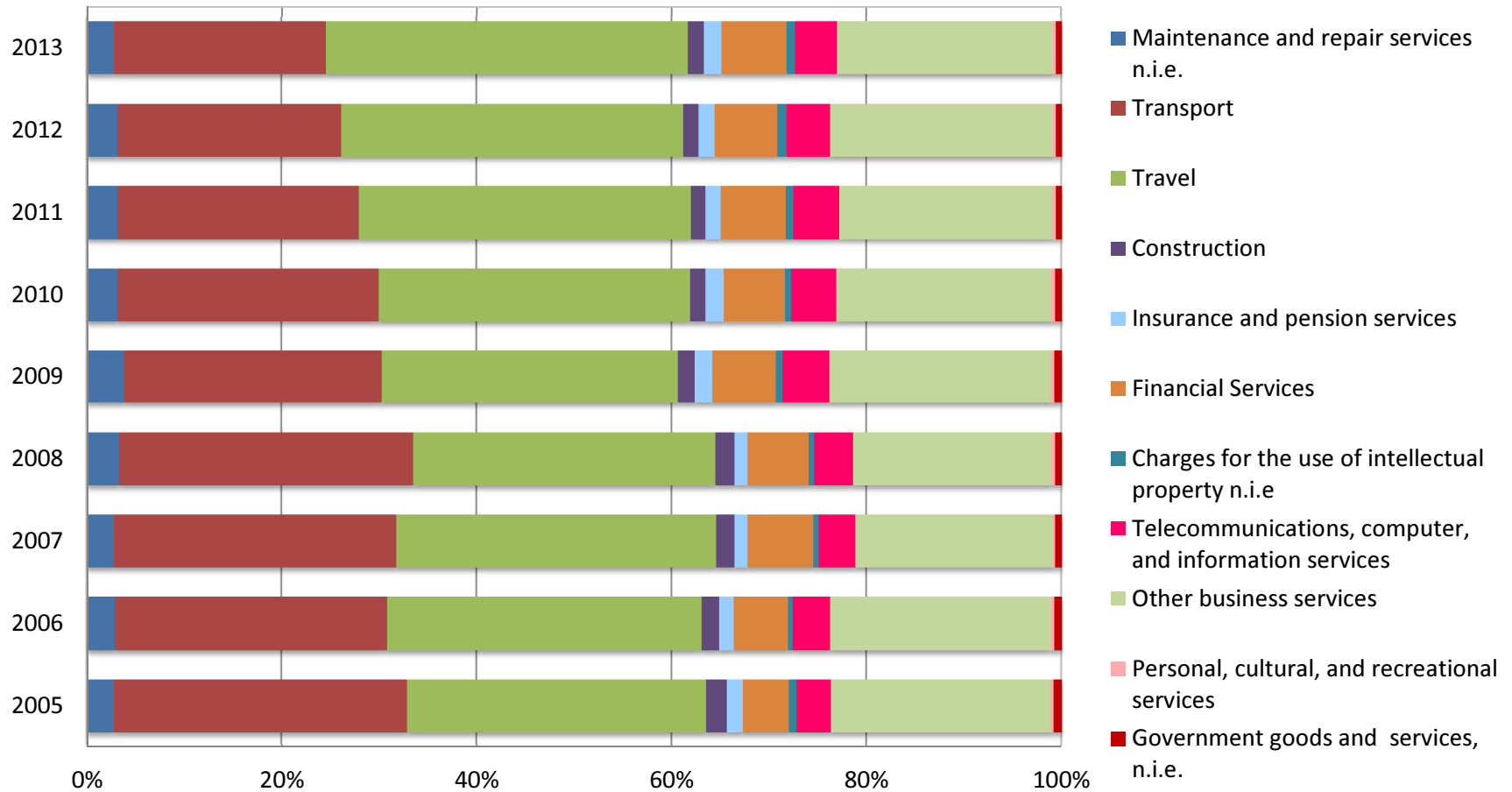
- Status of the latest data collection (in 2014 for data 2005-2013):
  - 5 ASEAN Member States (AMSs) have shifted to BPM6.  
*Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand*
  - AMSs are able to provide data by service headings.  
*Some countries are not yet able to complete the broad service headings*
  - On the Extended Balance of Payments Services (EBOPS), most countries were able to provide data on a number of headings while some AMSs provided data only on their major activity (e.g., Travel, Transport, Other Business).
  - 6 AMSs were able to provide more detailed SITS by partner country including Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand.
  - Only 2 AMSs were able to provide data on inward FATS: Thailand and Viet Nam

# ASEAN Trade in Services

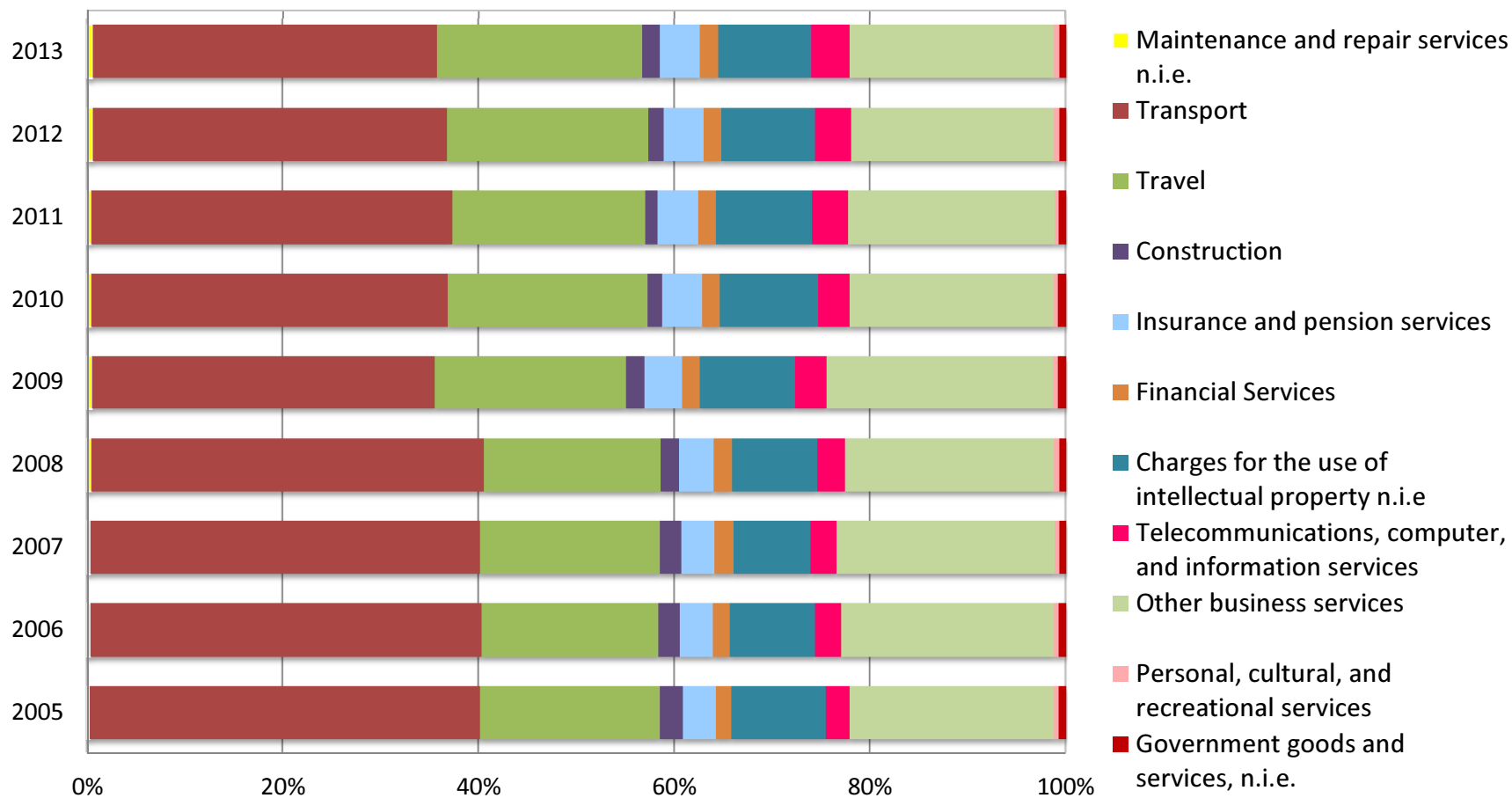
in billion US\$



# ASEAN Export in Services



# ASEAN Import in Services





## SITS Data Dissemination in ASEANstats

- Publication on SITS data is limited.
- The first SITS publication was released in November 2012 containing ASEAN aggregate data.
- ASEAN aggregate data on Trade in Services was also disseminated in ASEANstats annual publication

*ASEAN Statistical Yearbook and AEC Chartbook*

- SITS data for individual countries are not disseminated yet in previous publications. Planned to be published starting 2014.



## Summary of Progress

- The quality of SITS compilation has been improved in compliance with international concepts and procedures , 5 AMSs have moved to the BPM6 while 5 AMSs are still based on BPM5.
- ASEAN Member States have been more timely in submitting SITS to ASEANstats
- SITS Service Headings by AMSs will be published
- SITS metadata published in 2012 will be updated and published by end of 2014

*However, data are not yet fully comparable and still vary in coverage and quality. SITS still at different stages of development; and for some, still has a long way to go.*





## Remaining Challenges

- Shift to BPM6 for AMSs that are still based on BPM5
- For AMSs which are already in BPM6, still need to enhance conceptual works on Manufacturing Services, FISIM, among others
- Product breakdown – to complete EBOPS or at least the Broad Service Headings
- Partner country breakdown – at least the minimum requirement, i.e. Intra- and Extra-ASEAN
- FATS – Inward FATS are compiled in 6 AMS but published in 2 AMS only. Outward FATS is compiled only by Malaysia
- Modes of Supply – not a priority for most of AMSs at the moment



## On-Going Activities

- SITS Pilot Survey in Cambodia, Lao PDR, and Myanmar with support from ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area Economic Cooperation Work Programme (AANZFTA ECWP). Inception missions in Lao PDR and Myanmar were completed in August 2014, while in Cambodia is ongoing

*The main objective is to assist CLM in designing and conducting pilot surveys (in specific sector) towards SITS compilation and to replicate the process in other sectors*



## Next Steps.....

EU-ASEAN Capacity Building Project for Monitoring Integration Progress and Statistics (COMPASS) – 2014-2018. The specific objectives of the project:

- to support the development of the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS), and to build the capacity of the ASEAN Integration Monitoring Office (AIMO);
- to increase countries' capacities to compile data and increase AIMO's capacity to analyse and produce their own statistical publications;
- the programme will provide support at the regional level to both AIMO and ASEANstats.



# COMPASS

## Key Issues in the SITS field:

- Harmonise compilation to latest international standards (BPM6/MSITS 2010)
  - Manufacturing services
  - Construction
  - Financial (FISIM) and insurance services
- All AMS to at least meet standard (minimum) requirements for SITS compilation by project end
  - Compile BPM6 12 product breakdown
  - Partner country breakdown (minimum requirement)
  - Inward FATS
  - Mode of Supply (simplified approach or data collection?)
- Concentrate support on CLMV countries to close gap within ASEAN.
- Support dissemination of data and metadata (AMS and ASEANstats)



# COMPASS

- WGSITS agreed that activities from the COMPASS Programme will be incorporated in their Work Programme , which contain 4 Main Components on SITS:
  - Annual Round of Data Collection –every mission will work toward the major requirements: by partner country and EBOPS;
  - National-based trainings – to update the Basic Training on BPM6, especially in CLMV and other AMSs as well;
  - Presentations from the regional workshops are to be delivered at the national level.;
  - Conduct of regional workshops on specific topics, i.e. Manufacturing, FISIM, Insurance, Construction, among others



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