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Exchange and Review Meeting with Novianty Manurung
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- **DELGOSEA Structure** -

"The European Union is made up of 27 Member States who have decided to gradually link together their know-how, resources and destinies. Together, during a period of enlargement of 50 years, they have built a zone of stability, democracy and sustainable development whilst maintaining cultural diversity, tolerance and individual freedoms. The European Union is committed to sharing its achievements and its values with countries and peoples beyond its borders".

The European Commission is the EU's executive body.



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The DELGOSEA Project (www.delgosea.eu)

The Partnership for Democratic Local Governance in Southeast Asia (DELGOSEA)

- ... is a **transnational network** between Non-State-Actors, Local Government Associations, local governments, academia and civil society
- ...for the **replication of success stories (best practices) on local governance** between municipalities within Southeast-Asia (geographic focus on Cambodia, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam)

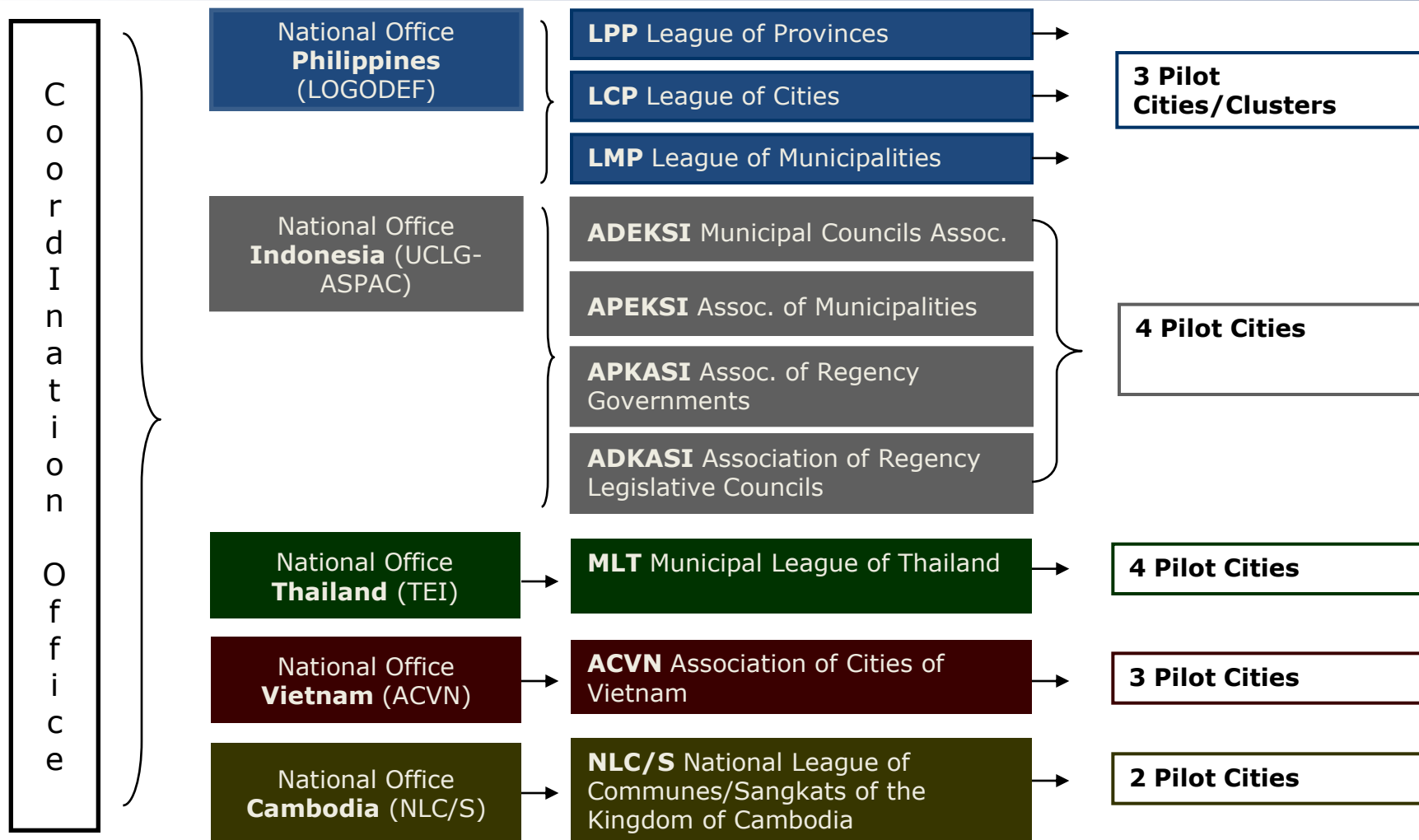


General Information...

- Funding: European Commission, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung
- Project Duration: 30 months (1st March 2010-31st August 2012)
Note: the project will end in August 2012, but the replication of best practices will continue!
- Partners: Thailand Environment Institute (TEI), Local Government Development Foundation (LOGODEF), United Cities and Local Governments for Asia and Pacific (UCLG-ASPAC), Association of Cities of Vietnam (ACVN), National League of Communes/Sangkats of the Kingdom of Cambodia (NLC/S).
- Key Stakeholders: 10 Local Government Associations in the five countries.
- Applicant: Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung



Project Partners & Structure



Internal Project Structure

Board of Directors/Steering Committee (Directors of Partner Organisation)

Coordination Office, KAS Manila

Project Director, Project Manager, Communication Officer, Chief Accountant



Thematic Support by Key Consulting Experts:

Dr Sosmena: Institutional Governance & Peoples Participation

Dr Paul Chamnier: Urban Environment

Peter Woods: Fiscal Management



Objectives and Vision

Our Objective:

To create a sustainable platform for the exchange of best practices on local governance in Southeast Asia to improve the living conditions of local people.

Our Vision:

Extension of network among DELGOSEA borders to other municipalities in Thailand and abroad. So far DELGOSEA is restricted to 16 pilot cities in five countries.



Achieved by a whole Set of Activities

Identification of Best Practices and Pilot Cities (phase 1)

Selection of Best Practices
Selection of Pilot Cities (4 in Thailand)
Documentation of BPs
Development of Curricula and Textbooks
Capacity Building Program for Coaches



Transfer and Capacity Building at Pilot Cities (phase 2)

Development of Transfer Concepts (Action Plans)
Capacity building at pilot cities
Implementation of transfer concepts
Monitoring/Consulting by coaches/experts
Exchange visits between pilot and transfer cities

Political dialogue

National and Transnational Conferences (mid-term and final)

Networking with academic institutions/CSOs

Website/visibility/press



Positive Effects from the Perspective of the Pilots

- The development of transfer concepts, action plans, budgets as well as the set up of monitoring tools were itself a great capacity building experience for the pilot cities (systematic planning approach).
- Participatory planning and integration of all stakeholders worked very well in most of the pilots (in some cases, it was the first time ever that the people got involved in decision-making processes!).
- All transfer concepts have been approved by the mayors and are embedded into local development plans.
- All cities have set up and some even legalized a local taskforce to be responsible for best practice replication.



Positive Effects from the Perspective of the Pilots

- In some countries cooperation with local universities could be built up who support the cities in monitoring and expert advice. Local media networks are also very supportive.
- The study visits proofed to be a main capacity building component. Good relationships have been established between the host and the pilot city. Experts from the host cities will be invited for further consultancy.
- Fruitful and very trustful working relations between the pilots and the DELGOSEA coaches, trained in Pattaya.



Positive Effects from the Perspective of the Partners

- All partners make a lot of efforts to share DELGOSEA best practices to other cities within their own country.
- All partners actively contribute with their networks. DELGOSEA is currently gathering some of them as strategic partners.
- In Cambodia and Thailand additional EU-proposals have been submitted to further support the pilots.
- All together, 11 LGAs are supporting the project. The situation and the support is very different from one country to another. All LGAs actively participate in the project activities (although no incentives are given to them).
- The DELGOSEA team communicates and cooperates very well. However, quite a huge workflow on the national offices can be observed.



Issues & Observations Pilot Cities

- Annual budgeting at pilot cities and availability of budget for replication in 2011;
- A change in political leadership has led to a delay in replication activities and unclear responsibilities in some cases;
- Availability of key contact persons is an issue at the pilots (due to high workflow);
- The exchange of documents between host and pilot cities is sometimes restricted due to language barriers.

General:

Huge time and efforts are needed for translation and editing of project materials.



Issues & Observations

"DELGOSEA is not talking about transnational cooperation – DELGOSEA is doing it".

The exchange of Best Practices beyond national and cultural borders proves to be a great success and working experience for all actors. A lot of knowledge is there, it just has to be shared amongst local governments. For this, a systematic approach, guidance and documentation is needed.



Focus of Activities

- Accompanying the pilot cities in sustainable replication by extensive project monitoring and sharing lessons-learned;
- Supporting the transnational knowledge exchange between pilot cities and best practice cities by peer-to-peer visits and consultancy from BP experts;
- Strengthening efforts in finalizing the policy recommendations and encouraging the LGAs to lobby for better policy frameworks;
- Strengthening the DELGOSEA network through strategic partners and their systematic integration into the exchange and replication of best practices;
- Strengthening links with ASEAN under the leadership of Indonesia and Cambodia in 2012. Start working towards a working group on local governance;
- Close the knowledge circle and extend DELGOSEA publication towards “Mechanisms for Best Practice Replication”;
- Combine all activities and ideas into an exit strategy.



Next Steps - Activity Plan 2011/2012

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End of September 2011

Midterm Review Conference

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October 2011 until August 2012

Monitoring and Field Visits to the Pilot Cities

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October 2011 onwards

Capacity building activities at pilot cities (refreshment)

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October 2011 onwards

Exchanges between pilots and best practice cities (e.g. expert advice)

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November 2011

Presentation of Regional Policy Recommendations and linkage with ASEAN /regional conference



Next Steps - Activity Plan 2011/2012

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January/February 2011

National Workshops to strengthen networking and cooperation

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February 2011

National Workshops on final policy recommendations

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June/July 2011

Final conference – documentation and awards of „best pilot city“

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