

[FAQ] Re: [Call for Proposal by 11 September 2026] Re: SCALE-ASEAN: Strengthening S&T Commercialisation Ecosystem in ASEAN for Sustainable Growth

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Dear Sirs/Mesdames,

I would like to refer to the abovementioned matters.

2. In reference to the circulated email dated 11 August 2026 on the Call for Proposal: Scale-ASEAN: Strengthening S&T Commercialisation Ecosystem in ASEAN for Sustainable Growth, COSTI MY is pleased to forward the **consolidated questions and answers** to help ensure all prospective applicants have equitable access to the same information.

3. We kindly seek your assistance in disseminating this information to the relevant stakeholders inside your network. Your attention and cooperation regarding this matter is highly appreciated.

Thank you.

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Best Regards

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Dear National COSTI Secretariats,

Greetings from the ASEAN Secretariat!

In reference to the Call for Proposal for the SCALE-ASEAN, we would like to share with COSTI the consolidated questions and answers to help ensure all prospective applicants have equitable access to the same information.

Attached, please find the said document for your kind reference.

Thank you very much for your kind cooperation.

Regards,

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Dear National COSTI Secretariats,

Greetings from the ASEAN Secretariat!

Following the SCALE-ASEAN Concept Note endorsement by COSTI on 16 July 2026, we would like to extend to you the Call for Proposal for UK-Funded SCALE-ASEAN initiative, specifically the Component 2: Supporting cross-border scalability of innovations.

Attached, please find the details on the submission instruction, criteria, budget template, and expected outcomes. The proposal submission deadline will be **11 September 2026**.

Should you have any questions, we would appreciate receiving them by **19 August 2026**.

Thank you very much for your kind cooperation.

Regards,

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Dear National COSTI Secretariats,

Greetings from the ASEAN Secretariat!

As of 16 July 2026, we have not received further input or objections on the Concept Note of SCALE-ASEAN: Strengthening S&T Commercialisation Ecosystem in ASEAN for Sustainable Growth.

In this regard, we would like to conclude COSTI's endorsement of the Concept Note.

Thank you very much for your kind cooperation.

Regards,
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Dear National COSTI Secretariats,

Greetings from the ASEAN Secretariat!

In reference to the previous email, please be informed that we received additional input from Timor-Leste as of 2 July 2026 as follows:

No	Focal Point	Input
1	Timor-Leste	Background (Para 4):

In doing so, the programme will take into account the specific needs of newly acceded and lower-capacity ASEAN Member States, by incorporating targeted capacity-building, institutional strengthening, and facilitated access to regional S&T partnerships.

Project rationale & focus:

(Para 1):

These challenges are more pronounced in newly acceded ASEAN Member States such as Timor-Leste, where STI ecosystems are still at an early stage of development, with limited institutional infrastructure, human capital, and industry linkages.

(Para 2):

For emerging systems, additional support is required to bridge early-stage gaps, including access to technical expertise, mentorship, and enabling environments for technology adaptation and adoption.

(Para 3):

At least one supported initiative is encouraged to involve or directly benefit lower-capacity ASEAN Member States

(Para 4):

In this context, proposals that include partnerships with institutions from newly acceded ASEAN Member States, are encouraged, particularly where they demonstrate clear capacity transfer and local ecosystem development.

(Para 5):

5. Additional support activities may include targeted training, mentorship programmes, and institutional capacity-building initiatives tailored for emerging STI systems such as Timor-Leste.

(Para 6):

In this context, flexibility may be considered to support the participation of emerging ASEAN Member States, including Timor-Leste, through complementary measures—such as capacity building, technical assistance, or linkages—to strengthen their ability to engage with and adopt technologies at higher TRL levels over the longer term.

ASEAN Inclusivity, Monitoring & Evaluation and Project Sustainability.

(Para 2):

For consortia involving newly acceded ASEAN Member States such as Timor-Leste, flexibility in partnership arrangements and additional technical support may be considered to ensure meaningful participation

(Para 3):

This will include tailored outreach, proposal development support, and partnership facilitation for newly acceded ASEAN Member States such as Timor-Leste, to address structural participation barriers.

(Para 7)

(5) Number of capacity-building activities and institutional partnerships established in emerging ASEAN Member States, including

and (4) Strengthened institutional and human resource capacity in lower-capacity ASEAN Member States.

Programme Management, Budget and Timeline

(Para2)

In this context, dedicated consideration will be given to ensuring that lower-capacity ASEAN Member States, including Timor-Leste, are able to effectively access and benefit from the programme through appropriate support mechanisms.

The UK has updated the Concept Note according to the input in the attached document. Hence, we would appreciate it if COSTI could further review by **16 July 2026**.

Thank you for your kind cooperation.

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Dear National COSTI Secretariats,

Greetings from the ASEAN Secretariat!

We would like to inform you that COSTI Philippines has provided input to the concept note as follows:

No	AMS	Input
1	COSTI PH	<u>General:</u> • Provide a standard proposal template, as part of the application process, including a clear documentary checklist and evaluation criteria. • Provide a clearer articulation of the end-to-end innovation pathway from R&D to commercialization to improve coherence and alignment across initiatives. • Include a centralized knowledge management platform to preserve best practices and policy insights across projects. • Conduct pre-engagement activities such as info sessions and proposal writeshop to guide applicants in crafting the proposal and evaluation process. <u>Co-Funding Arrangements</u> • Provide details on the expense items that can be covered by the program (e.g. salaries, equipment, etc). • While co-funding is encouraged, the Concept Note does not clearly define expectations. Considering the limited indicative funding relative to multi-country implementation requirements, co-funding will be critical to ensure project feasibility and sustainability. It is recommended to clarify: ◦ Minimum or indicative co-funding requirements; ◦ acceptable sources (public, private, institutional); and ◦ forms of contribution (financial, in-kind, technical support) <u>Intellectual Property (IP) Management and Benefit Sharing</u> Require formal IP agreements prior to project implementation, covering: • Ownership of technologies and improvements; • revenue-sharing arrangements; • licensing terms (ensuring full compliance with national laws and disclosure of potential conflicts of interest). IP protection should be ensured before any field testing of prototypes. Ownership of the IP that will be developed through SCALE funding especially for those that will undergo cross-country engagement and knowledge transfer must be

emphasized. This will also provide provide clarity how the relevant agencies can better assist the researchers / technology generators in facilitating technology transfer and commercialization.

Project rationale and focus

- Conduct a landscape mapping of existing SEA initiatives and gap review to potentially strengthen cross-border collaboration and synergy.
- Clarify whether the program will support up to three (3) initiatives for the whole ASEAN or per ASEAN member State - "The project is expected to support up to 3 initiatives, where each will aim for local contextualisation and early adoption of high-impact technologies across the ASEAN Member States (AMS)."
- Clarify whether the "operational deployment " will also support the limited manufacturing of the technology.

Technology Readiness Level

- The focus on TRL7-9 (near-market technologies) is appropriate for near-market deployment, however, it may limit participation. Given that the program seeks to support technology refinement and global market expansion, lowering the TRL threshold could allow participation of startups and research institutions that are still refining prototypes and preparing for deployment in the ASEAN. Hence, it is proposed to add a clearer linkage to lower TRLs (early stage R&D) through SEED or complementary initiatives, ensuring continuity from research to commercialisation. This aligns with APASTI's call for capacity building and technology diffusion.

Eligibility Criteria and Participation

- Set criteria for research institutions, particularly including those with established Intellectual Property (IP) and Technology Transfer policies and with enough expertise and experience to implement these types of cross-border collaborations.
- While the eligibility criteria allowing consortia of SMEs, startups and research institutions are appropriate, these remain broadly defined. Hence, it is recommended to (i) further clarify roles and expectations of consortium members, and (ii) explicitly include innovation intermediaries (e.g. incubators, accelerators, industry associations).

In this regard, the UK has updated the Concept Note to accommodate COSTI Philippines' input. Please find the attached updated Concept Note for COSTI's further review by **2 July 2026**.

Thank you very much for your kind cooperation.

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Subject: [To Review by 24 April 2026] Concept Note: SCALE-ASEAN: Strengthening S&T Commercialisation Ecosystem in ASEAN for Sustainable Growth

Dear National COSTI Secretariats,

Greetings from the ASEAN Secretariat.

We are pleased to extend the concept note of **SCALE-ASEAN: Strengthening S&T Commercialisation Ecosystem in ASEAN for Sustainable Growth**, proposed by the United Kingdom. The SCALE-ASEAN aims to strengthen regional science, technology, and innovation cooperation by supporting partnerships between ASEAN and the UK to enhance high-impact technologies in the Southeast Asia region. The project seeks to improve technology commercialisation and innovation ecosystems across ASEAN.

In this regard, we would kindly seek COSTI's review of the concept note by **CoB, 24 April 2026**.

Should you have any comments or feedback, we would appreciate receiving them by the indicated deadline.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

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