



# AFOSP

**ASEAN Farmers'  
Organizations  
Support Program**



# What is AFOSP?

- A capacity building programme aiming at improving the livelihoods and food security situation of smallholder farmers and rural producers in ASEAN countries
  - Its purpose is that ASEAN FOs evolve into stable, performing, accountable organisations capable of providing effective and sustainable services to their members and of influencing policy and corporate processes on agriculture and food security issues at local, national, ASEAN regional and global levels
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# General Objectives

- Provide support to FOs by addressing and supporting their main functions, their engagement in policy process
- Contribute to their effective professionalization and accountability towards their membership
- Support the attempts of FOs to provide economic services to their members





# Specific Objectives

- Strengthen FOs Institutional and Operational capacities
- Enable FOs at different levels to influence regional, national and provincial policies on smallholder priority subjects
- Improve FOs services to their members (entrepreneurial capacities and participation in value chains)





# Program Cost

- Total Cost of the Programme: 16 million EUR (EUR 15 million from the general budget of the European Union for 2014 + other contributions for an amount of 1 million EUR)





# Complementary Actions

The AFOSP consists of two highly complementary Actions:

(i) support to the **Medium Term Cooperation Programme phase II and regional policy dialogue in ASEAN region – MTCP ASEAN**

(ii) **Farmers Fighting Poverty – Food Security Initiatives of Farmers' Organisations in a Regional Perspective programme (FFP/ASEAN)**

The two Actions share the same objectives and components although both the approach and the level of intervention are different and complementary





# Levels of intervention

- MTCP ASEAN operates at the continental, regional and national levels, supporting FOs platforms at regional, sub-regional and national levels and to create institutional linkages between these platforms and ASEAN Secretariat
  - FFP/ASEAN mainly involves local FOs and value chains specialised FOs from the local to the national level. In fact, one of the main pillars of the FFP is the funding of small organisations and local associations. Such funding is directly contracted with the local organizations (not via national organizations).
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# Activities

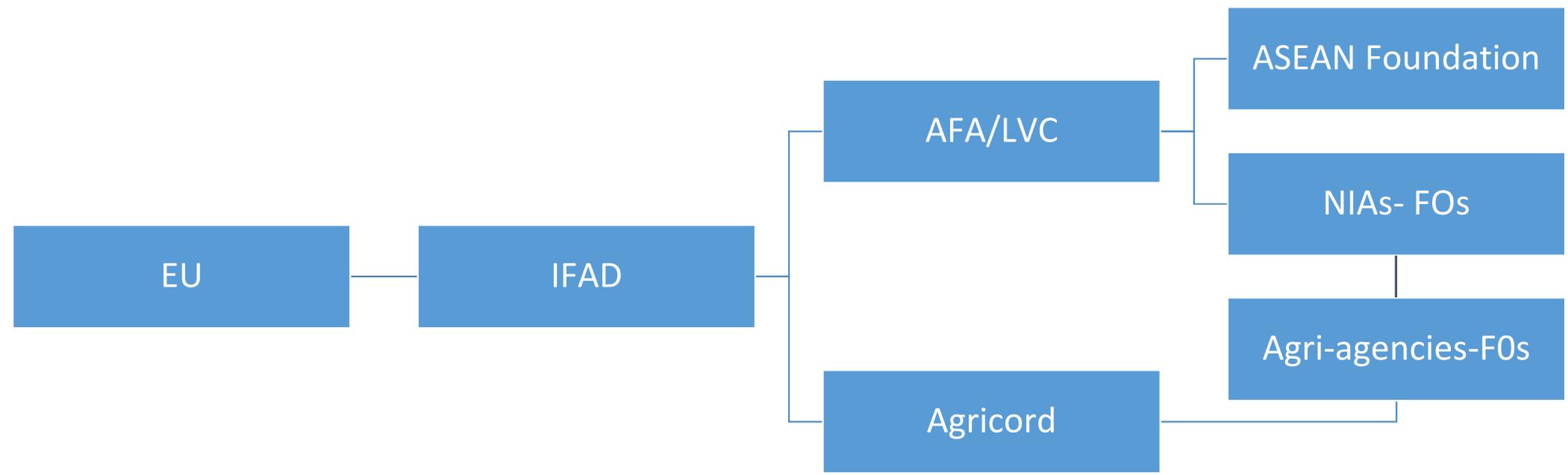
- MTCP ASEAN would primarily focus on those activities that can benefit all members' platforms towards building common agenda for policy dialogue and joint action both for economic and political actions
  - FFP/ASEAN would tailor its support to the specific needs of individual FOs in terms of organizational strength and inclusiveness, institutional development, business development (economic services), policy elaboration and advocacy
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# Implementation Arrangement

- MTCP2 ASEAN operates at the regional and national levels, supporting FOs platforms to create institutional linkages between these platforms and ASEAN and its Member States
  - MTCP2 ASEAN's approach is of a programmatic and strategic nature as it supports FOs strategic plans, ensuring that program activities contribute to the achievement of respective constitutional mandates and strategic objectives
  - Program funds from EU and IFAD are channelled to AFA, representing the consortium AFA and LVC, which in turn channels them to national FOs acting as National Implementing Agencies and to ASEAN Foundation
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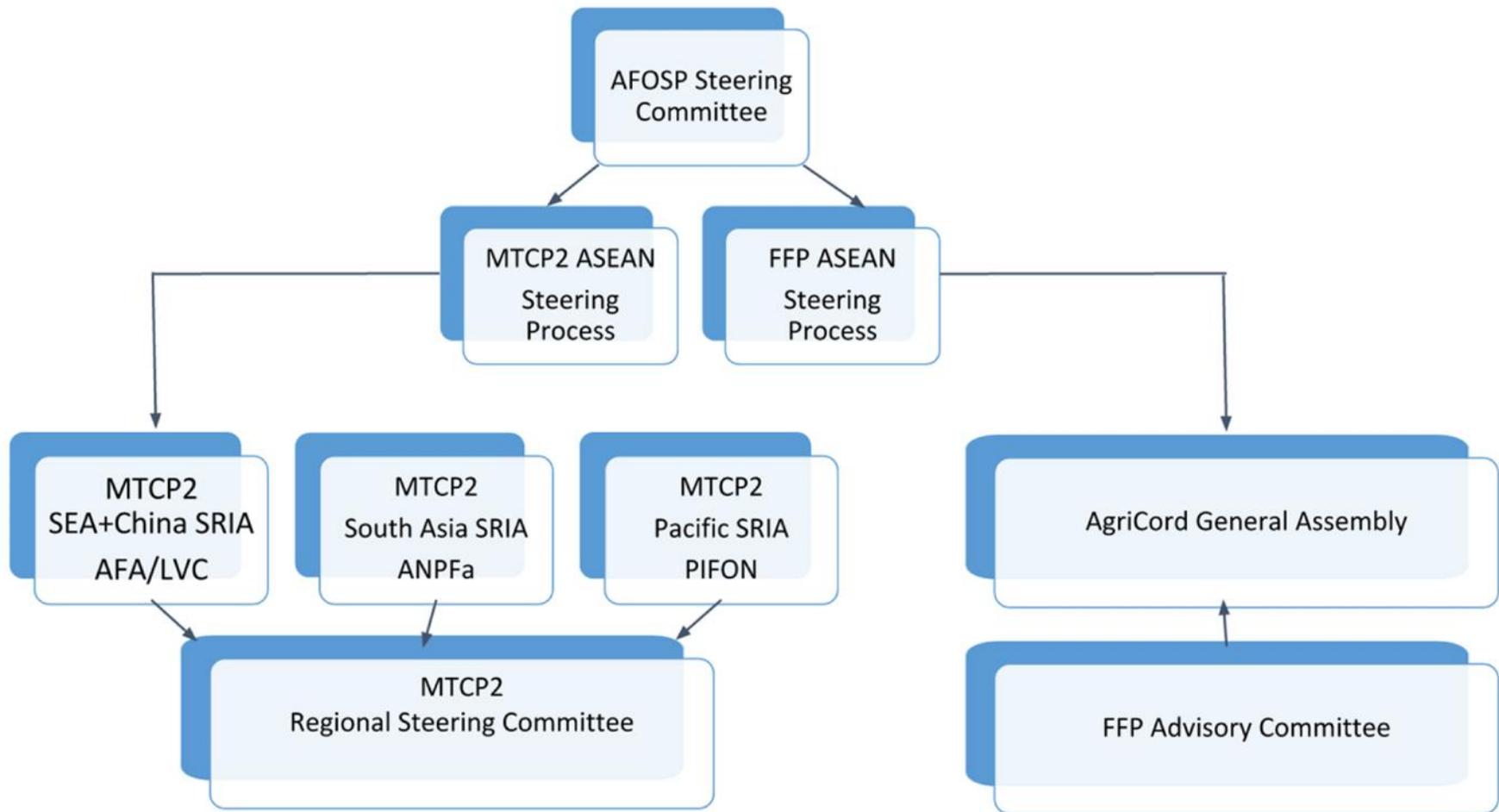
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- FFP/ASEAN approach is a demand driven approach for single initiatives and is based on the relationships between AgriCord's members, agri-agencies and FOs
  - The participating FOs formulate proposals in close collaboration with one of the agri-agencies and submit them to the AgriCord Project Committee who is responsible for the selection
  - The working relation between FOs and agri-agencies is more than project-related, but is based on longer-term shared commitments, often involving different activities and generally focusing on the operations (or services) of the FO as well as on the capacities needed to deliver these services





# Program Steering Committee

- A Programme Steering Committee (PSC) will be set up to oversee and validate the overall direction of the AFOSP programme, including appropriate representation from: the EU Delegation Indonesia, IFAD, AgriCord, the ASEAN Secretariat, the ASEAN Foundation, AFA, LVC and possible other stakeholders
  - Such PSC will be based upon the deliberations and documentation submitted for approval to the steering mechanisms of the two complementary actions - namely MTCP/ASEAN and FFP/ASEAN, and will meet on a yearly basis to steer the overall AFOSP programme
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Thank you!

