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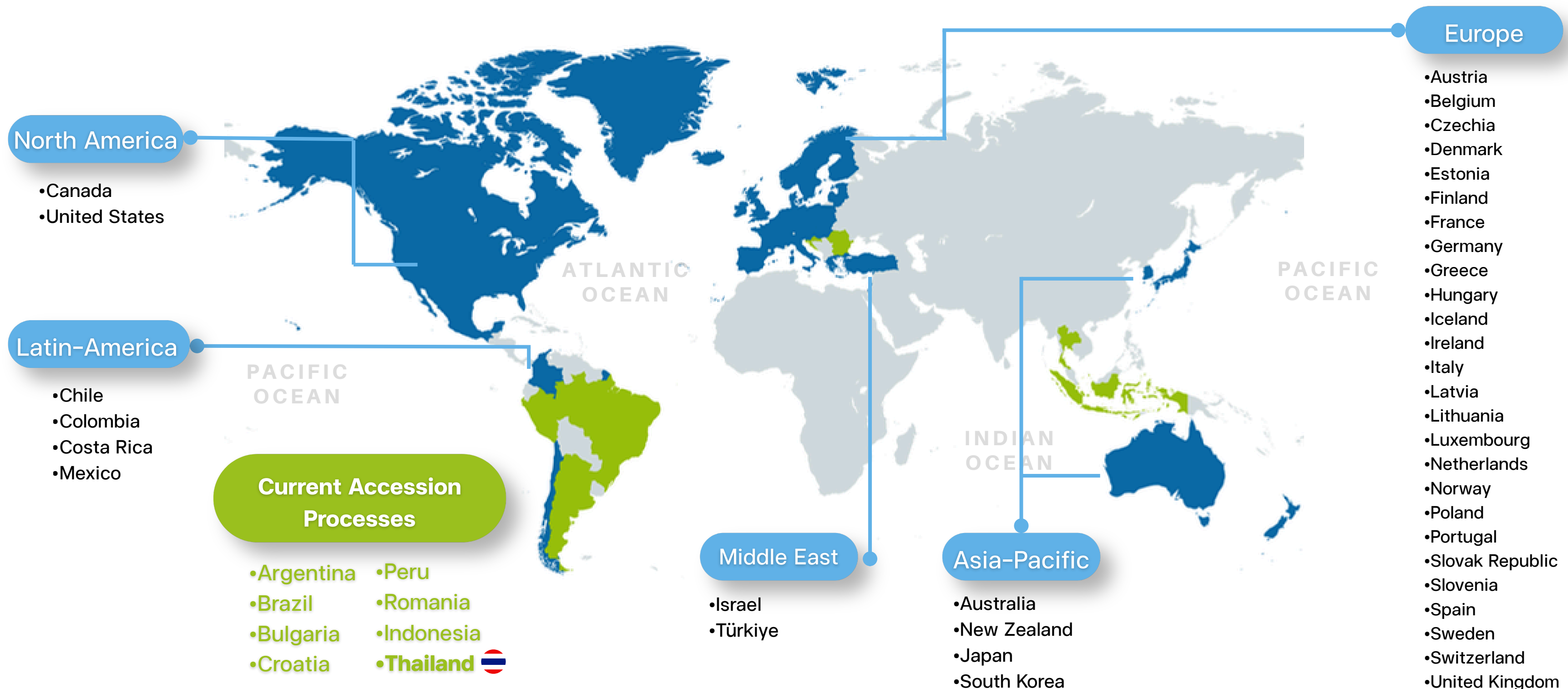


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The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is an international organization that plays a key role in providing research, consultation, the exchange of best practices, and policy recommendations aimed at promoting stability, equality, well-being, and an improved quality of life – in line with its vision of **“Better Policies for Better Lives.”**

Founded in 1961 - Member Countries: Currently, OECD has 38 member countries and 8 countries in the Accession Process or Accession Candidate Countries



Forum for Exchanging Information

Promoting cooperation to address global economic issues by providing a forum for exchanging information and policy experiences

Statistical Data

Collecting and disseminating important statistical data, publishing knowledge across various fields annually and, maintaining over 40 global and country-specific economic databases

Source of Knowledge

Serving as a source of knowledge and disseminating in-depth country information through experts in both theory and practice

Global Standards Setting

Establishing global standards across various fields that are crucial for national development by defining instruments or documents that promote global economic expansion and cooperation

Advisory Services

Providing advice to government agencies across various countries and offering research services to other international organisations such as the UN and the IMF

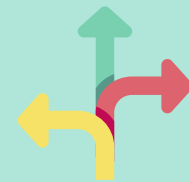


Role of OECD?

OECD Structure

The Council

MEMBER ONLY



The Council is the OECD's decision-making body, composed of one representative from each Member Country as well as from the European Union. Chaired by the Secretary-General, it provides the strategic direction for the Organisation and its work through consensus-based decision-making.

The Committees



MEMBER,
NON-MEMBER



The Committees are composed of more than 300 substantive bodies, working to propose solutions, develop standards, assess data and policy successes, and review policy actions. Policy specialists drawn from various institutions play a role in establishing shared global standards across public policy domains.

The Secretariat



The Secretariat is composed of more than 3,500 employees from across multiple directorates and is led by the Secretary-General. It carries out the work of the OECD to provide insights and expertise to help guide evidence-based policymaking in close co-ordination with Members.

Public Policymaker

BUSINESSatOECD

OECD Watch



Trade Union Advisory
Committee to the OECD
Commission Syndicale
Consultative auprès de
l'OCDE



Representatives from **Government, Business, Labour, Civil Society, and Academia** are convened to collaborate on shared priorities, hold consultations, and issue formal recommendations to the Secretariat.

Relationship between Thailand and OECD

Thailand became a party to its first OECD legal instrument: International Understanding on Maritime Transport Principles.

1999



2000

The country participated in the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA).

Thailand became a member of the OECD Development Centre.

2005



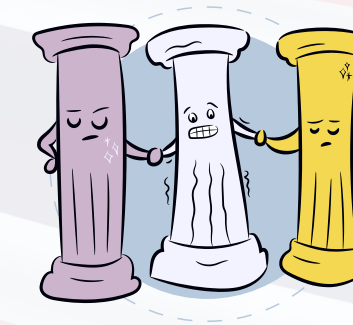
2014

Thailand is a founding member of the Southeast Asia Regional Programme (SEARP).



The country implemented the OECD-Thailand Country Programme Phase I (CPI).

2018 - 2021



2023 - 2026

Thailand has completed the OECD-Thailand Country Programme Phase II (CPII).



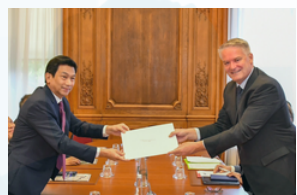
Accession Timeline and Key Events



2024

16 April 2024
Letter of Intent

Thailand submitted a Letter of Intent to join the OECD.



17 June 2024
Accession Discussions

OECD unanimously reached a consensus to formally open accession discussions with Thailand.



10 July 2024
Accession Roadmap

OECD Council adopted Thailand's Accession Roadmap.



30 October 2024
Accession Kick-off

OECD Secretary-General paid a visit to Thailand and formally delivered Thailand's Accession Roadmap.



2025

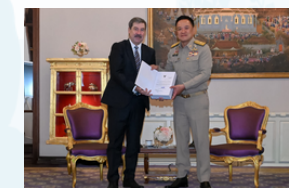
10 March 2025
The Prime Minister chaired the first meeting of the committee overseeing Thailand's accession to the OECD

8 July 2025
The Cabinet passed a resolution approving the results of the initial meeting which mandated 34 government agencies to work with 25 OECD committees



8 December 2025
The Prime Minister submitted Thailand's Initial Memorandum (IM) to OECD Deputy Secretary-General

IM is a document for assessing Thailand's readiness to align its laws, policies, and practices with OECD standards and legal instruments.

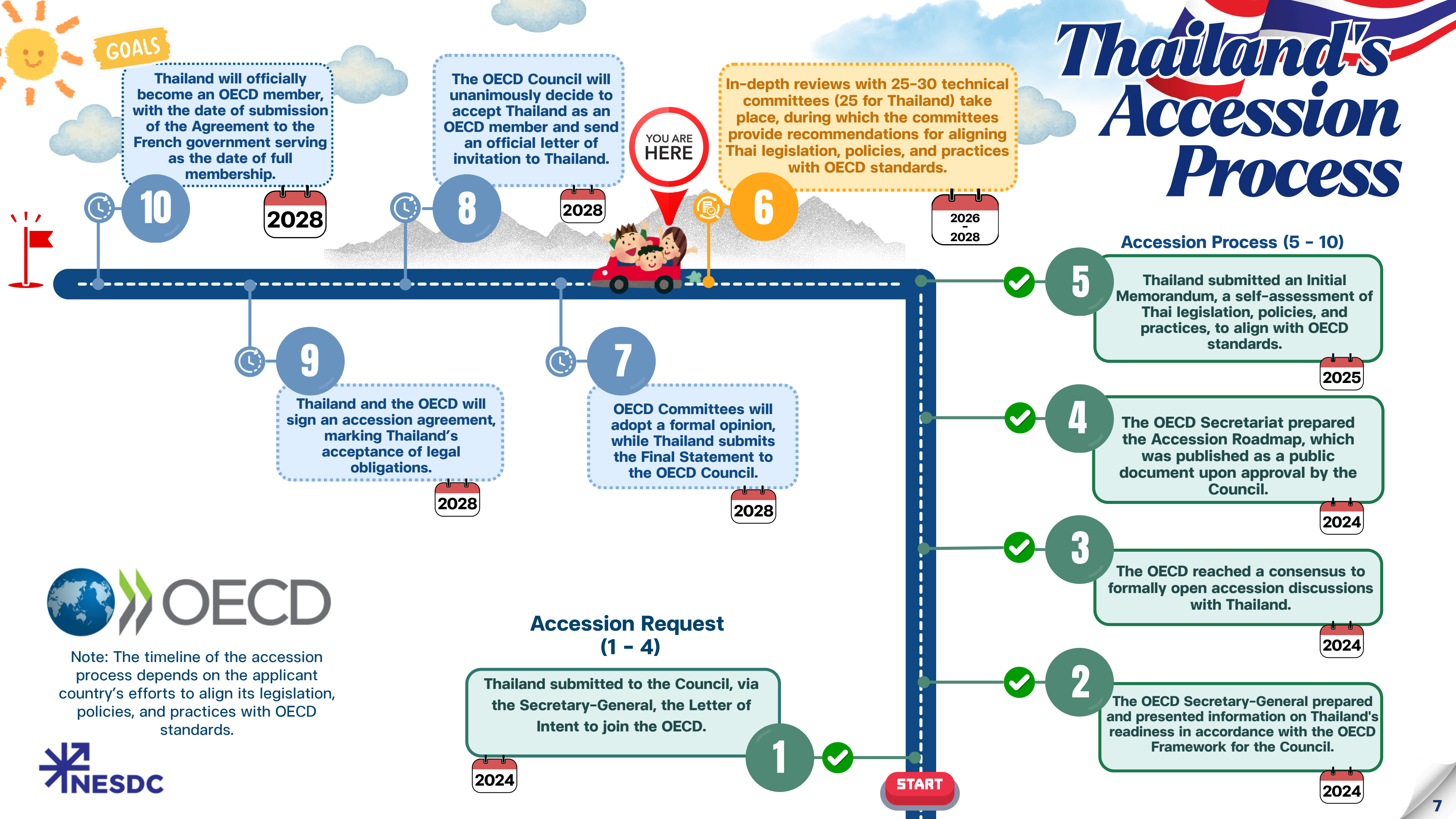


2026

19 May 2026
The Cabinet approved the nation's target OECD accession date of 2028 and the formation of the OECD Supervisory Committee and assigned the NESDC, OCS, and MFA to oversee the accession process

7 July 2026
The Draft Regulations of the Office of the Prime Minister on the Committee... was approved in principle by the Cabinet

24 August 2026
The Regulation of the Office of the Prime Minister on the Supervisory Committee of the OECD Accession Process of Thailand B.E. 2569 (2026) was issued to steer and supervise Thailand's OECD accession process in accordance with the OECD Accession Roadmap.



Benefits and impacts of OECD membership

✓ Promotes multi-dimensional structural reforms and establishes international standards

✓ Increases trade competitiveness and opportunities to access member country markets

✓ provides greater access to global economic databases

✓ offers close consultation and technical assistance

✓ Enhances Thailand's image and promotes its role on the global stage



! Increases competition in trade and services

! Increases the risk of exchange rate volatility due to short-term capital flows

! Facilitates the liberalisation of FDI among its members

Note: The OECD allows member countries to establish specific investment reservations for certain domestic sectors and to negotiate additional exceptions as appropriate.

BENEFITS

IMPACTS

How OECD Membership Affects Key Sectors in Thailand

Public Sector



Multi-dimensional structural reforms encompassing good governance, transparency, fair competition, and comprehensive taxation

Adoption of OECD members' best practices adapted to Thailand's context

Regular evaluations and closer collaboration with the OECD, enhancing national standards and officials' capacity

Time required to align laws and policies with OECD standards

Heavier workload and higher resource needs (e.g., membership fees, travel, skilled personnel)

Possible loss of tax and non-tax privileges for developing countries

Private Sector



Adoption of responsible business conduct (RBC) standards, enhancing competitiveness in global markets

Greater ease for Thai investors to undertake outward foreign direct investment (FDI), particularly in OECD member countries

Short-term capital movements (e.g., financial market investments, lending), potentially increasing exchange rate volatility

Inflows of FDI potentially intensifying competition for Thai businesses in targeted sectors such as intra-group lending, representative offices, construction, engineering services, and retail/wholesale trade

Civil Society



Access to Thailand's assessment data on various areas, enabling public oversight of government actions and performance

Improved quality of life through internationally aligned standards, providing better opportunities in education, living conditions, and income, supported by a stronger economy and increased foreign investment

Increased competition in the labor market and professions when working for companies adhering to OECD standards

Policy Statement of the Council of Ministers

by Prime Minister Anutin Charnvirakul to the National Assembly
9 April 2026

*Advancing economic
diplomacy to expand
opportunities for the Thai people
and businesses through
an integrated "Team Thailand"*

**"Expediting
Thailand's pursuit
of membership
to the OECD
by B.E. 2571 (2028)
to enhance national competitiveness"**



POLITICAL COMMITMENT TO BECOMING AN OECD MEMBER

"Whole-of-government approach"

"Whole-of-society approach"

Legal developments to enhance public well-being

**"Amend laws that obstruct the OECD
membership requirements"**

Addressing structural corruption in a rigorous manner

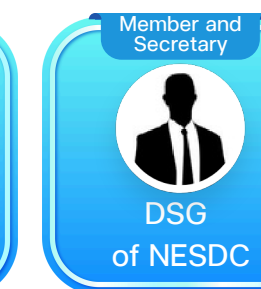
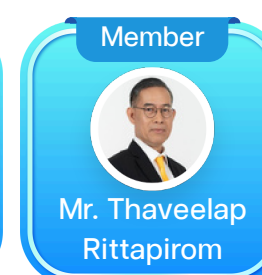
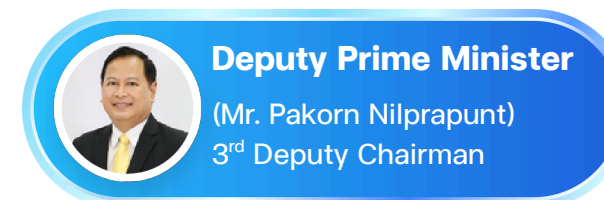
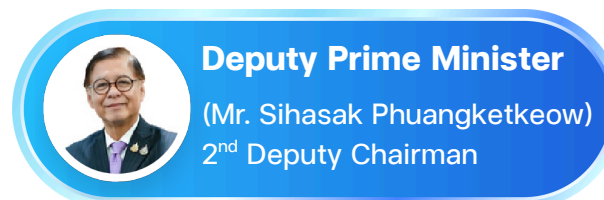
**"Disclosing public information
in accordance with OECD practices"**

Appointment of the Supervisory Committee on Thailand's Accession to the OECD



In accordance with the cabinet resolution of 19 May 2026, which approved the appointment of the Committee, and the cabinet resolution of 7 July 2026, which approved in principle the Draft Regulations of the Office of the Prime Minister on the Committee...

✓ Committee Composition (17 members)



✓ Duties and Powers

- Formulating policies and recommendations for Thailand's accession to the OECD
- Appointing subcommittee(s) as seen appropriate
- Inviting representatives agencies or individuals to attend informative meetings as seen appropriate
- Performing any other tasks assigned by the Cabinet

THAILAND'S ACCESSION TO THE OECD



Thailand is currently in step 6

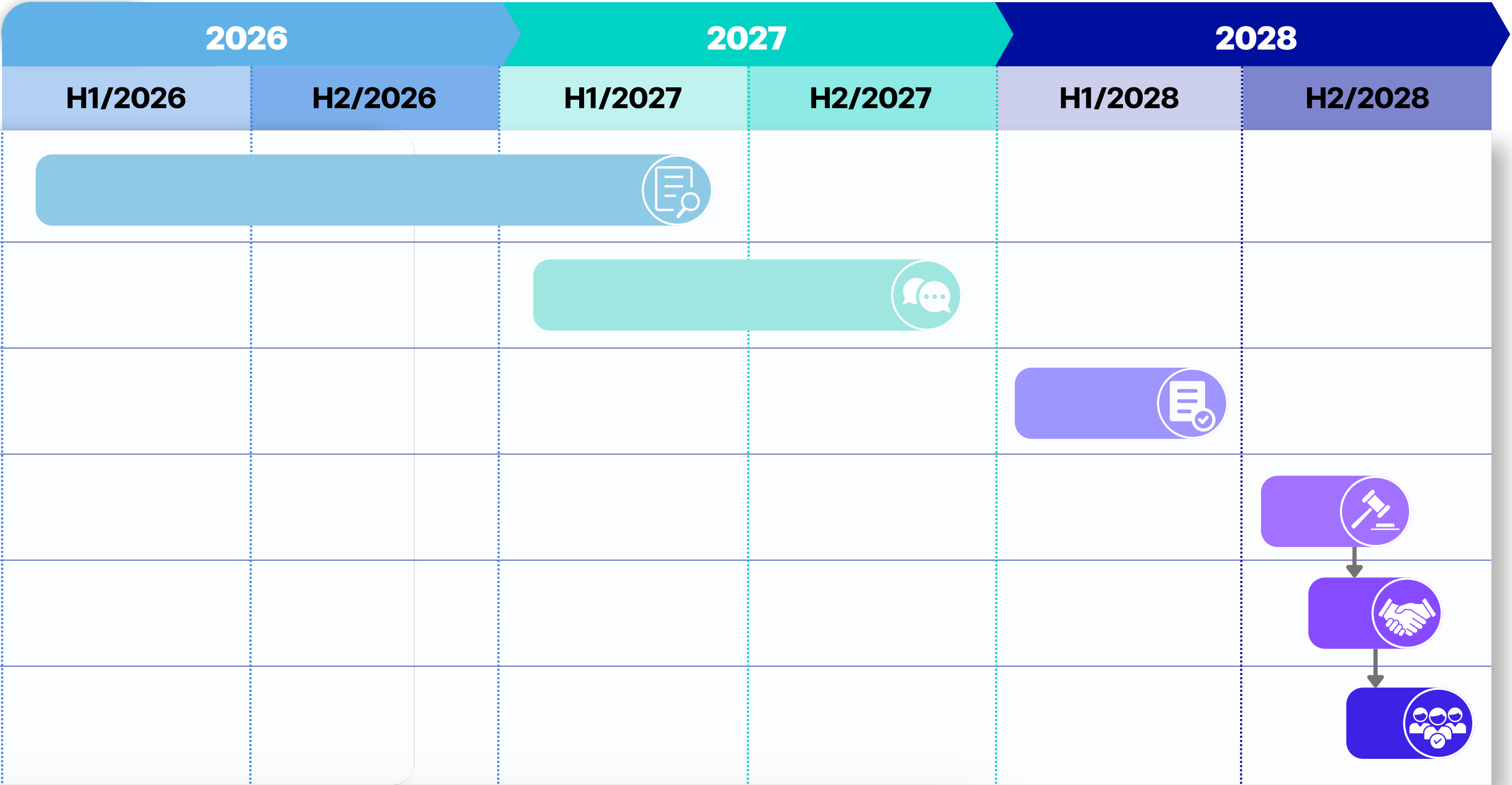


2026 – 2028: Thailand's Expected Timeline

Technical Review

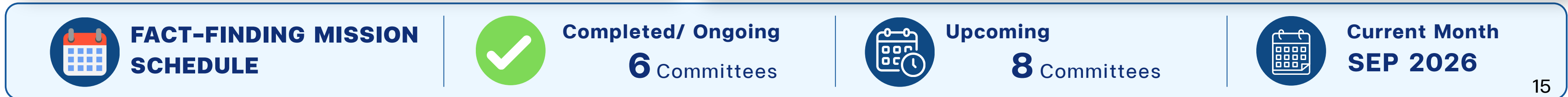
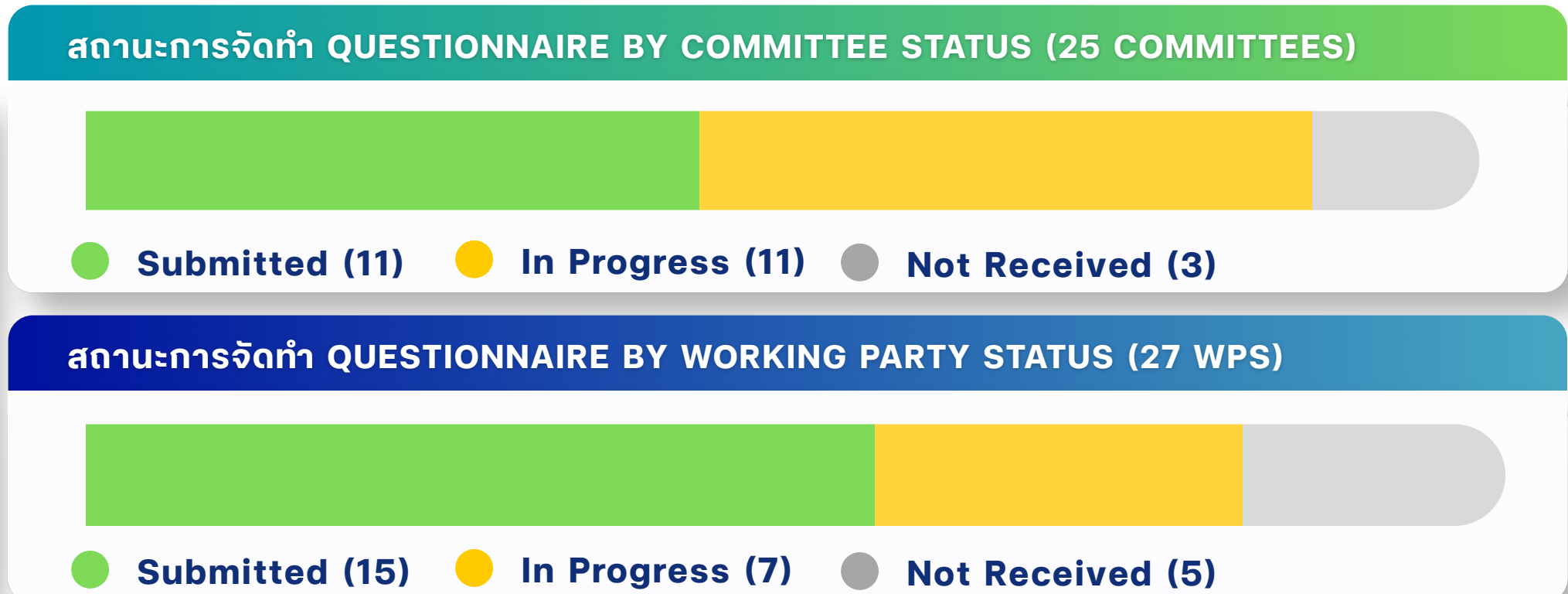
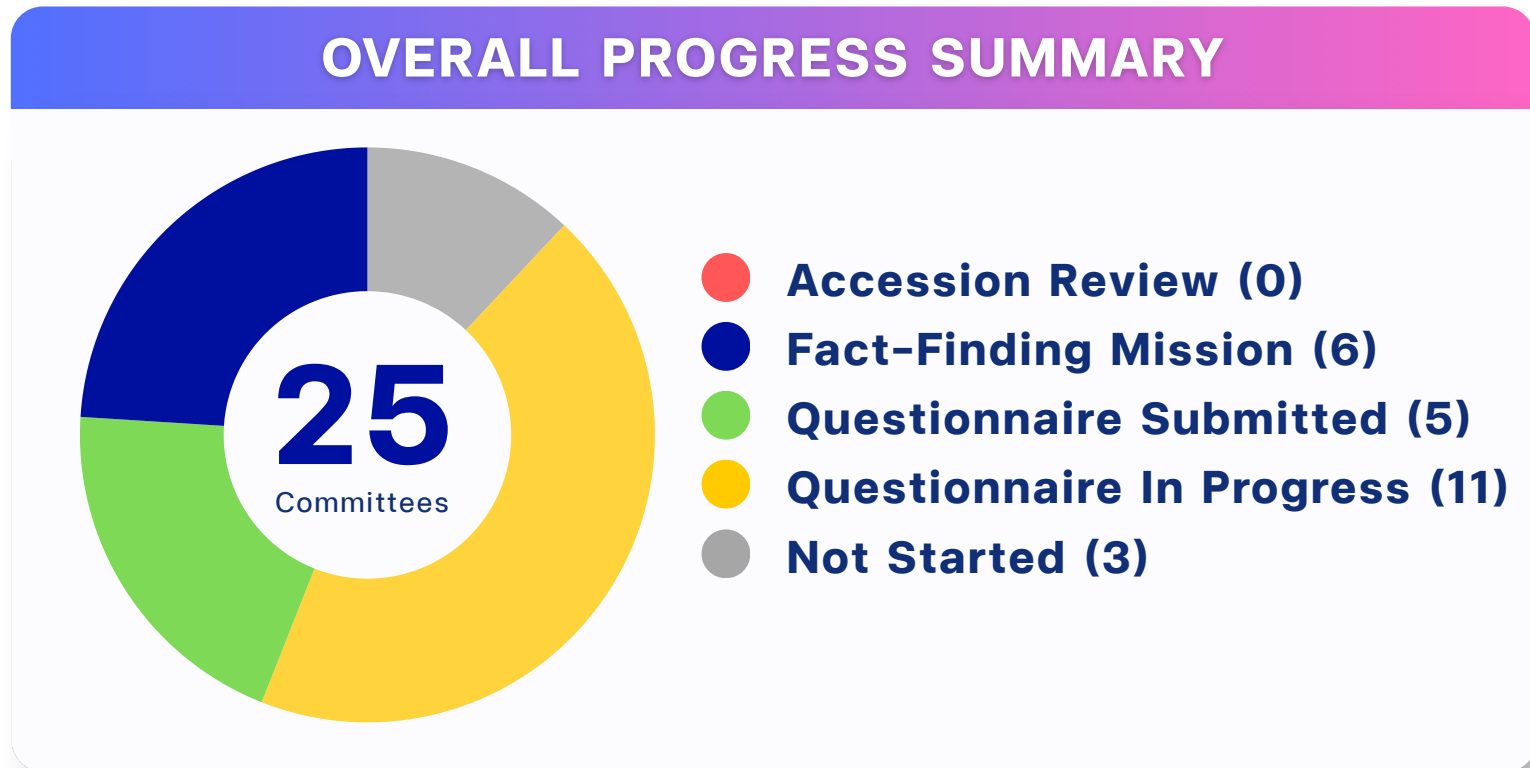


Thailand Technical Review Timeline



Note:

The 2026-2028 timeline is Thailand's expected timeline and is subject to adjustment based on progress and OECD review.





TECHNICAL REVIEW

Steps during the technical review phase





TECHNICAL REVIEW

Steps during the technical review phase



Step 6

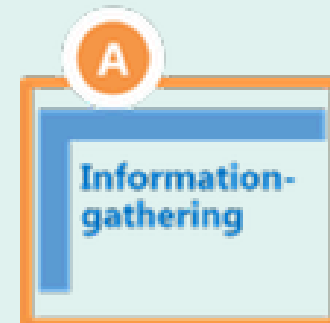
2026 - 2028



Information Gathering

OECD Directorates will be visiting Thailand to gather more information through the following means:

- Questionnaires
- Fact-finding missions
- Independent research



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Step 1: Information gathering Started in February 2026

What

Questionnaires

- At least one, but can be two or several
- Can include data requests and survey completion

Fact-finding mission(s)

- Generally at least one in Thailand for each main Committee; can also be carried out virtually
- May include meetings with non-governmental actors
- May include visits to other regions

Independent research

- Desk-based research
- Follow-up exchanges and meetings

Who

- OECD Directorates
- Responsible Agencies

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Where

- E-mail
- Virtual meeting

- Bangkok
- Other regions
- Virtual meeting

- OECD Headquarters
- E-mail
- Virtual meeting



TECHNICAL REVIEW

Steps during the technical review phase



Step 6

2026 - 2028



Committee Discussions

The Responsible Agencies (RAs) will present relevant Thai laws, policies and procedures, and answer questions from the OECD committee.

B

Step 2: Committee discussions

What

Background report

- Prepared by the Secretariat on the basis of the information gathering phase
- Supports the committee's discussion

Committee discussions

- The Secretariat presents the report
- Thailand presents its legislation, policies and practices in the policy area, followed by a Q&A session with Members
- Members discuss in closed session the report and proposed recommendations

Chair's letters

- The recommendations agreed by the Committee are communicated through a letter from the Chair of the Committee
- Once the country has addressed the recommendations, it sends a letter of response to the Chair's letter.

Who

• OECD Directorates

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Where

• OECD Headquarters

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• E-mail



When receiving recommendations from the OECD, Thailand will implement improvements in its operations based on the key issues outlined in those recommendations.

25 OECD COMMITTEES CONDUCTING ACCESSION REVIEWS



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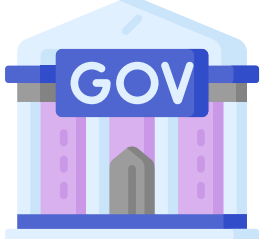
Investment Committee and the WP on Responsible Business Conduct

2



WG on Bribery in International Business Transactions

3



Corporate Governance Committee

4



Committee on Financial Markets

5



Competition Committee

6



Committee on Fiscal Affairs

7



Environment Policy Committee

8



Chemicals and Biotechnology Committee

9



Public Governance Committee

10



Committee of Senior Budget Officials

11



Regulatory Policy Committee

12



Regional Development Policy Committee

13



Committee on Statistics and Statistical Policy

14



Economic and Development Review Committee

15



Education Policy Committee

16



Employment, Labour and Social Affairs Committee

17



Health Committee

18



Trade Committee and the WP on Export Credits and Credit Guarantees

19



Committee for Agriculture

20



Fisheries Committee

21



Committee for Scientific and Technological Policy

22



Digital Policy Committee

23



Committee on Consumer Policy

24



Steel Committee

25



Shipbuilding Committee

List of Thai Agencies to Collaborate with the OECD Committees

On 8 July 2025, the Cabinet approved the designation of 34 agencies to work with 25 OECD Committees.

	OECD Committee	Thai Agencies
1	Investment Committee and the Working Party on Responsible Business Conduct	BOI
		RLPD
2	Working Group on Bribery in International Business Transactions	NACC
3	Corporate Governance Committee	SEPO
		SEC
4	Committee on Financial Markets	FPO
		PDMO*
5	Competition Committee	TCCT
6	Committee on Fiscal Affairs	Revenue Department
7	Environment Policy Committee	MNRE
8	Chemicals and Biotechnology Committee	DMSC
		DIW
		TISI
9	Public Governance Committee	OPDC
		PACC
		CGD*
10	Committee of Senior Budget Officials	Budget Bureau
11	Regulatory Policy Committee	OCS
12	Regional Development Policy Committee	MOI

	OECD Committee		Thai Agencies
13	Committee on Statistics and Statistical Policy		NSO
14	Economic and Development Review Committee		NESDC
15	Education Policy Committee		ONEC
			MOE
16	Employment, Labour and Social Affairs Committee		MOL
			MSDHS
17	Health Committee		MOPH
18	Trade Committee and the Working Party on Export Credits and Credit Guarantees	Trade Committee	DTN
		Working Party on Export Credits and Credit Guarantees	FPO
19	Committee for Agriculture		OAE
20	Fisheries Committee		DOF
21	Committee for Scientific and Technological Policy		MHESI
			NXPO
			NSTDA*
22	Digital Policy Committee		MDES
			ONDE
23	Committee on Consumer Policy		OCPB
24	Steel Committee		OIE
25	Shipbuilding Committee		Marine Department
			OIE

*NESDC will propose to the Cabinet an addition of three agencies, bringing the total to 37.



Next Steps after the Technical Review



Step 7

H1/2028



Step 8

H2/2028



Step 9

H2/2028



Step 10

H2/2028



Formal Opinion

Once all subsidiary bodies have completed their reviews, the relevant Committees can adopt their Formal Opinion. This will occur on a committee-by-committee basis rather than all at once when all Committees have concluded.



Council Decision

The OECD Council will decide by unanimity whether to invite the country to become a **member based on all the formal committee** opinions. The Secretary-General then reports on the process and other relevant documentation.



Accession Agreement

If the Council's decision is positive, the Accession Agreement will be signed between the country and the OECD.



Membership

After completion of domestic procedures, the country will formally accede to the OECD Convention by depositing its instrument of accession and will become an OECD member as of that date.

Cornerstones of the Accession Process

Source: OECD Directorate for Legal Affairs

Accession involves an **in-depth 360° dialogue and analysis between Thailand and the 25 technical committees** covering almost every area of government policy

OECD accession has proven to be a **transformative process and a catalyst for reform**, providing powerful leverage for the adoption of major legislative and policy changes

The accession process of each country is independent, and the **domestic context and priorities of each country are considered** in the discussions

There is **no timetable or set end-date for accession**: it depends on the country's pace in providing information and responding to recommendations

Scope of assessment

Throughout the OECD accession process, two key principles are emphasized by the OECD:



Assessment of Thailand's willingness and ability to implement OECD Legal Instruments

Evaluation of Thailand's policies and practices in comparison with OECD standards and best policies and practices



The assessment will be completed only when Thailand's progress on both of the above issues is considered **satisfactory by the committees**. The committees will then proceed to formulate their conclusions as a formal opinion.

Practical Tips for Accession Reviews

Factor in the time and resources needed for translation into English (all documents must be submitted in English or French)



Ensure regular and active participation in committee meetings, especially those which are also conducting accession reviews



Ensure the appropriate level of participation in accession review discussions - Ministers or Deputy Ministers accompanied by the technical experts



liaise closely with the Secretariat, who act as "honest brokers" and will guide you through the process (substance and procedure)



Ensure engagement of citizens, the business sector, and the legislature in the process from an early stage



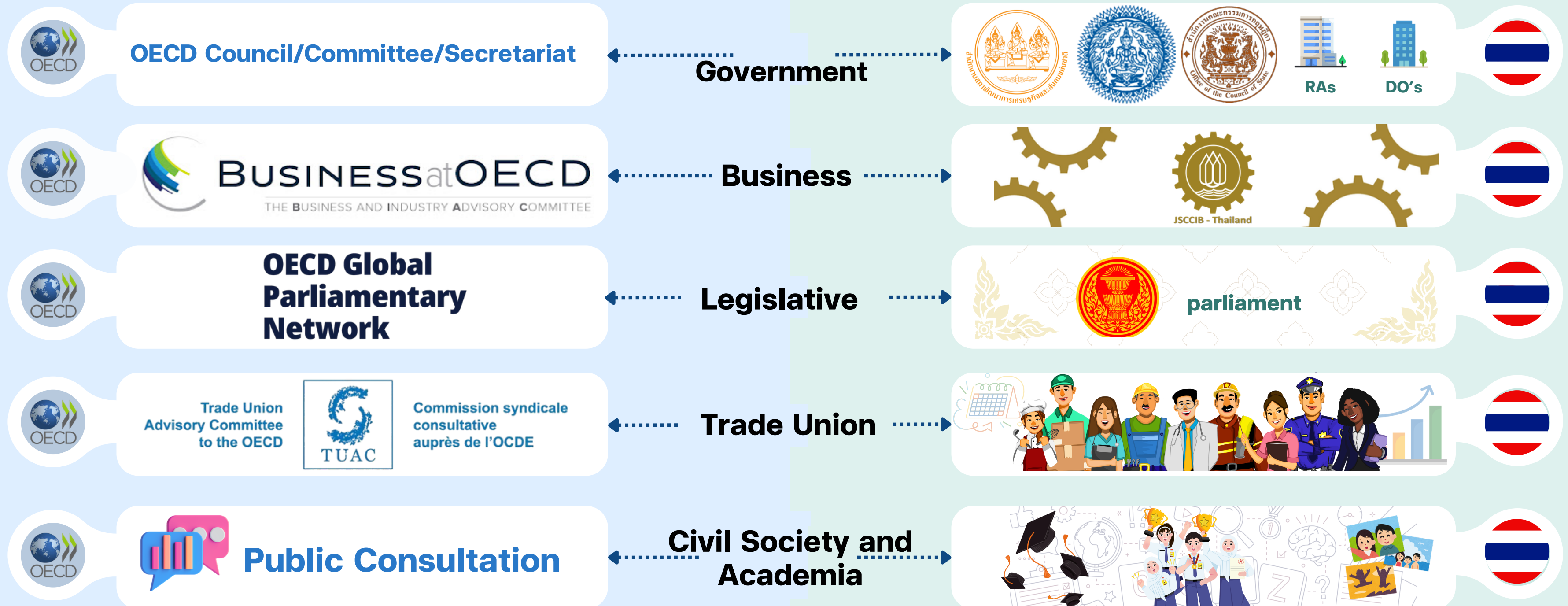
Ensure multi-partisan support for the process



Stakeholder Engagement in Thailand's Accession to the OECD

OECD's Mechanism

Thailand's Mechanism



BIAC is an official business network of OECD countries and a key policy-shaping platform within the OECD ecosystem. It brings together representatives from government, business, labour, civil society, and academia, and engages with the OECD Secretariat to exchange views and deliver policy recommendations.

BIAC is the business network of OECD member countries, divided into 3 groups

01 Member

National Member Organisations :
private sector organisation from OECD
member countries



Canadian
Chamber of
Commerce

Chambre de
Commerce
du Canada

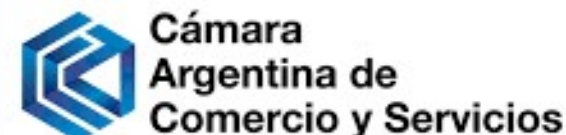


02 Observer

private sector organisation from
non-OECD member countries



Federation of Indian Chambers
of Commerce and Industry
Industry's Voice for Policy Change



03 Associate Expert Groups

associate expert groups consisting of
sectoral international business cooperation
organisations.



International
Federation
of Accountants



International Federation of
Freight Forwarders Associations
The global voice of freight logistics





GPN Role

Opens global network for legislative knowledge exchange among parliamentarians and parliamentary officials from worldwide



Enhances public policy through knowledge exchange and promoting the practical application of international standards



Helps the parliament understand key issues such as the economy, governance, transparency, and sustainable development



Connects the parliament with experts and international networks



Grants members access to OECD analysis and recommendations, and allows them to exchange perspectives with international experts and representatives



GPN

Role of the Thai Parliament



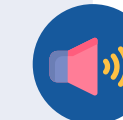
Plays a key role in cooperating with the executive, driving the OECD accession process



Promotes legislation aligned with OECD standards on transparency, governance, and the protection of citizens' rights



Ensures institutional continuity, enabling reforms to progress despite changes in government.



Reflects citizens' voices in the law reform process through public hearings and digital engagement tools.



Establishes the **Advisory Council of the Parliament of Thailand on the Accession of Thailand to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (ACP-OECD)** as a central platform to drive legal reforms and strengthen cooperation with the OECD and GPN, both domestically and internationally.

2025

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Thailand OECD Information Portal

 <https://th2oecd.go.th>



Source for OECD Information



Explore All 246 OECD Legal Instruments



Connected with 176 Agencies



Full Text Available in Thai and English



Developed by the Office of the Council of State, this platform brings together OECD legal instruments and links them with relevant laws, policies, practices, and responsible agencies to enhance understanding and systematically support Thailand's preparations for OECD membership.

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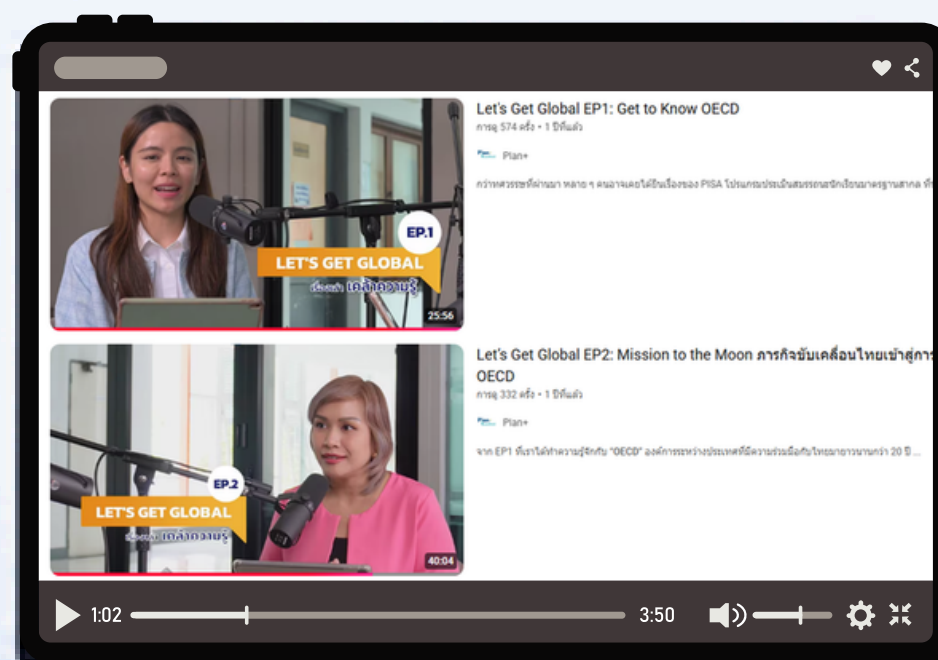
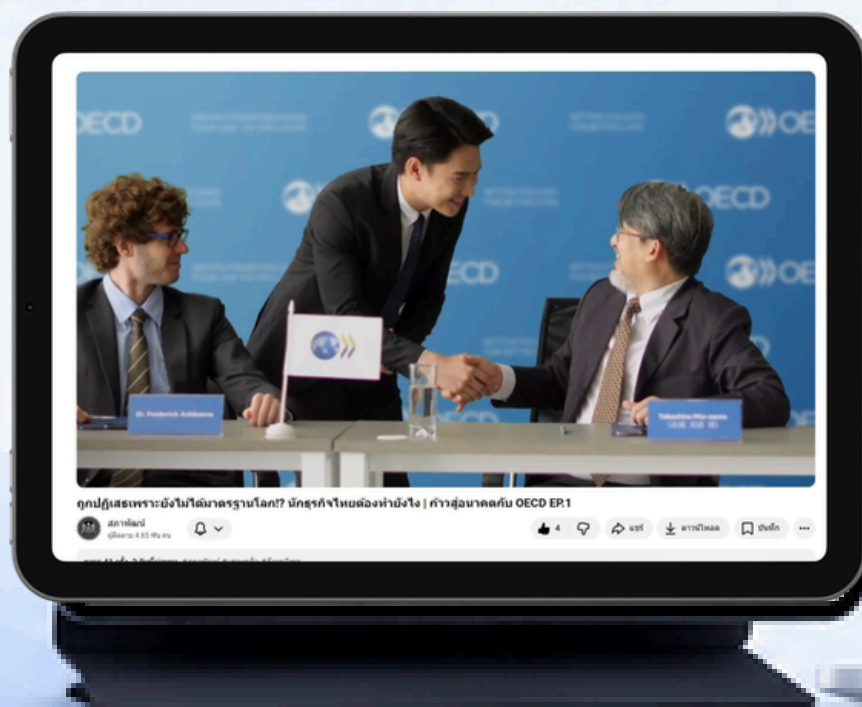
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OECD Accession
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