



# **EABC MEETING WITH DTN**

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**20 August 2021 | 14.00-15.00PM**

**Via Zoom Meeting**

**Agenda III : Introduction about EABC  
and approaches to an FTA**

**EABC Vice President and Chairperson of  
Digital Economy/ICT Working Group, Mr. Bob Fox**

The core of EABC is its Working Groups with an economy-wide focus. MNCs, SMEs and large local / regional companies are our members. EABC aims to build consensus in the European Business Community. SMEs are covered via vertical groups

- Automotive
- Cross Sectoral Issues
- Digital Economy/ICT
- Energy
- Food & Beverages
- Health & Pharma
- Industry
- Insurance
- IPR
- Rail and Road Infrastructure
- Tourism
- Transport & Logistics

EABC has long collaborated with others, including:

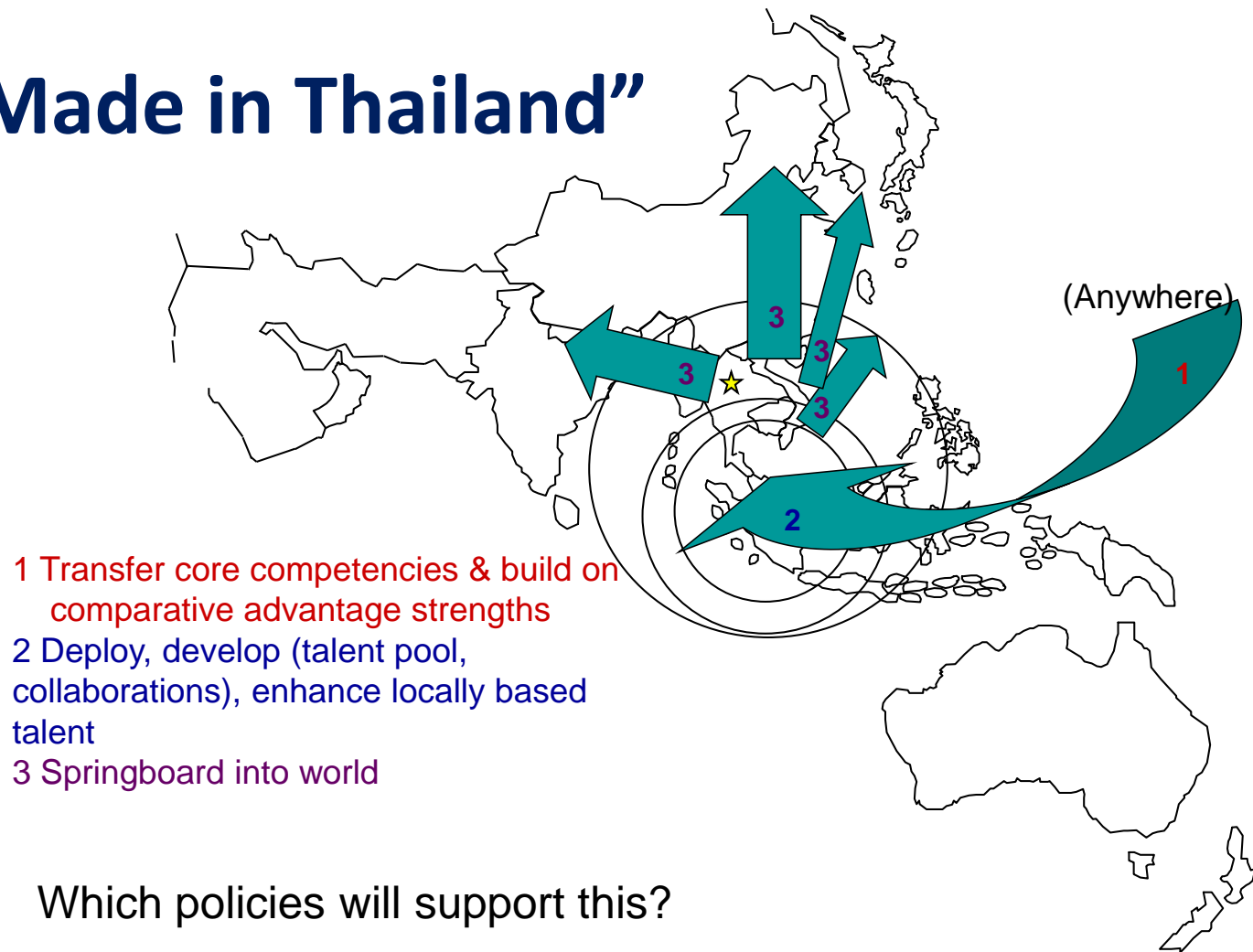
- Bilateral European Chambers of Commerce
- Bilateral Embassies
- Dialogue and engagement with EUD
- Many Thai organisations
- European organisations / industry organisations

# From EABC Top Set of issues

- Economic Recovery
- Thailand 4.0
- Facilitate European –Thailand trade and investment; eliminate trade barriers
- Access to markets/fair competition
- Ease of Doing Business; Fast Track Regulatory Reform; Structural Reform
- Easier movement of skilled people
- Foreign Investment / Services sector liberalisation / FBA Workstreams
- Rule of Law, Good Law making
- Being Digital / Digital Government
- Sustainable Development

EU – Thailand FTA is an embodiment

# “Made in Thailand”



Which policies will support this?

# Towards an FTA

2013 – collated / surveyed, analysed, formed consensus about recommendations

Continually engaged with policy/regulation for enhanced trade and investment, technology, economic and other advances

More recently analysed 3 EU FTAs in the region (Singapore, Vietnam, Indonesia) – developed a Chapter Chart of likely topics.

EABC collects, collates and builds consensus; helps to resolve issues amongst the local and European business communities.

Some background on EABC website [www.eabc-thailand.org/an-eu-thailand-free-trade-agreement/](http://www.eabc-thailand.org/an-eu-thailand-free-trade-agreement/)

# EABC Position Paper 2021-2022



- For many years (2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019-2020), EABC has published the European Business Position Paper.
- The EABC Position Paper is the unified work of twelve EABC working groups contributing to improvement of European–Thai economic relations, trade and investment; strengthening the Thai economy, highlight some game-changing topics.
- Theme: ***“Supporting Sustainable Economic Recovery and Competitiveness in Thailand”***
- The Position Paper will be published and launched in late 2021

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