**Project Summary**

**Projekt Background**
The ECT is a unique instrument for the promotion of international cooperation in the energy sector which, among others, provides mechanisms to stimulate foreign direct investment and cross-border trade. The Treaty has been signed or acceded to by fifty-one states. On the initiative of ACE discussions were commenced with the ECT in 2003, resulting in the present “observer status” of ASEAN member states in the ECT. A full ECT membership of ASEAN countries is under consideration as this would contribute to the security of energy supply and facilitate the implementation of the ASEAN Plan of Action for Energy Cooperation 2004 – 2009.

**Project Objectives**
The purpose of the EAEF/ETC project was to assess the requirements and advantages of ASEAN member countries to join the ECT, and to inform ASEAN countries about the Treaty.

**Project Activities**
The project consisted of two components, namely research and promotion.
- Summarising the key features and advantages of the ECT for presentation in a special workshop.
- Coordination between the Energy Charter Secretariat (ECS) and the project team; invitation of the ECS to join the project’s information campaign.
- A special workshop on ECT, back-to-back with the ASEAN Senior Officials on Energy (SOME) meeting
- Case studies on ECT accession of selected countries, which were relevant for ASEAN members.
- Final Report on the findings of the project.

**Implementation Features**
The project was designed and promoted by the Philippine Council for Energy and Energy Research and Development (PCIERD) and implemented by a Philippine-European team consisting of the Foundation for the Use of Sustainable Energy (FUSE, Manila), INTEGRATION (Frankfurt) and Carl Bro (Malmö). The ECS joined the work of the team in early 2006 and provided excellent first-hand information on the ECT, its specific applications and the experiences of ECT members similar to ASEAN member countries.

*) ASEAN comprises the countries: Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam

**Services Provided**
- Introduction of the EAEF project to the ECS
- Coordination between the project team and ECS
- Research on the requirements of ASEAN member countries
- Research on relevant solutions under ECT
- Identification of case studies for these solutions
- Slide show presentation on current energy issues in Europe relating to ECT
- Presentation in a workshop in Phnom Penh
- Paper on ECT case studies pertaining to ASEAN energy issues
- Final report contributions

**ASEAN-Countries*)**

**Introduction of the Energy Charter Treaty (ECT) to ASEAN Countries**

**Client**
EC-ASEAN Energy Facility

**Duration**

**Personnel**
- 1 internat. STE (economist, energy issues and international treaties)
- 1 internat. STE (economist, coordinator)
- 1 internat. STE (researcher, energy economist)