



## ASEAN Regional Cooperation on CPL

“ Agencies need to cooperate with each other on cross-border cases in order to reduce the risk of sub-optimal enforcement and inconsistent outcomes. ”

*International Competition Network (ICN), Recommended Practices for Merger Analysis*

### Overview of Competition Laws in ASEAN



**The ASEAN Experts Group on Competition (AEGC) was established in 2007 to promote the following:**

- (i) Endeavor to introduce competition policy in all Member States by 2015;
- (ii) Establish a network of authorities or agencies responsible for competition policy to serve as a forum for discussing and coordinating competition policies;
- (iii) Encourage capacity building programs / activities for Member States in developing national competition policy; and
- (iv) Develop a regional guideline on competition policy by 2010, based on country experiences and international practices

*ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint 2009-2015*

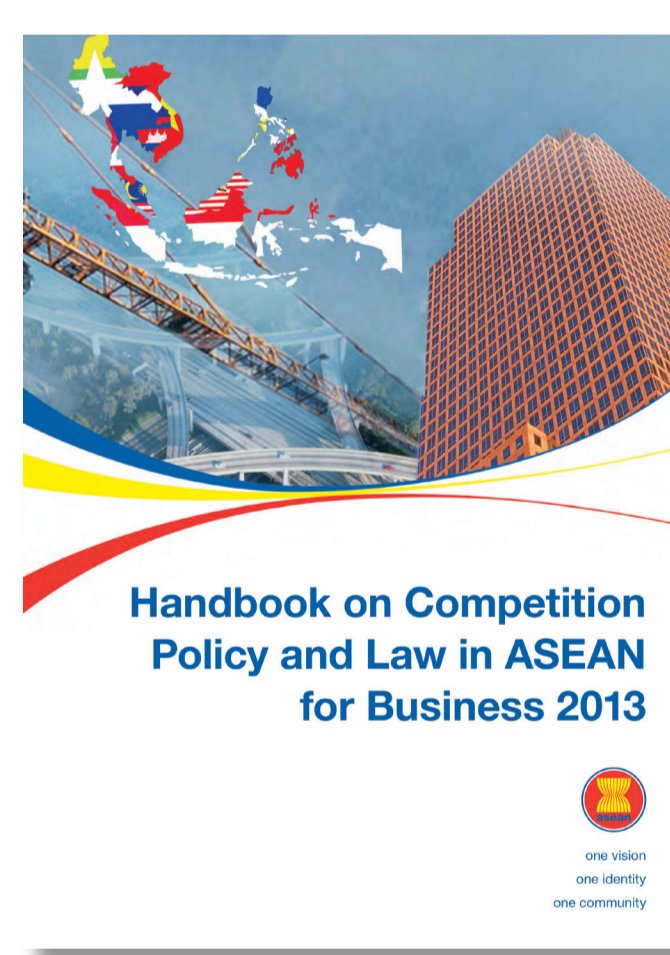
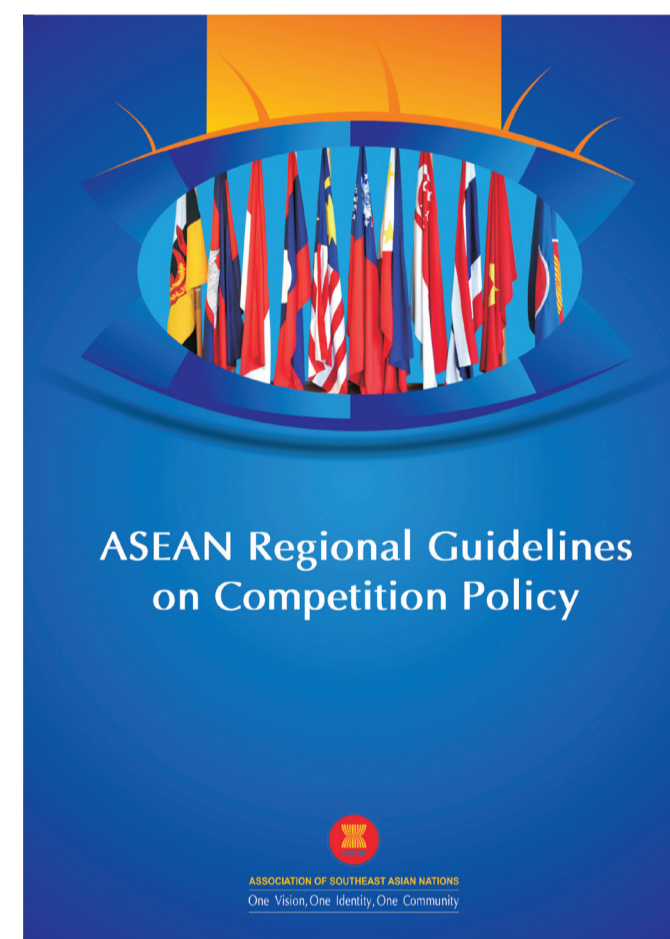
**Competition policy is crucial in the context of regional economic integration.**

A single or bigger market provides opportunities for companies to expand and realize economies of scale.

But there is also a higher risk of them engaging in **anti-competitive practices across borders**, such as international cartels and anti-competitive mergers of multi-national companies.

With no single regional enforcement authority in place in ASEAN, this constitutes a major challenge that calls for the **concerted efforts of governments to cooperate on competition policy.**

### SELECTED ACHIEVEMENTS



- **ASEAN Regional Guidelines on Competition Policy (2010)**
- Guidelines on Developing Core Competencies in Competition Policy and Law in ASEAN (2012)
- AEGC Web Portal (2013): [www.aseancompetition.org](http://www.aseancompetition.org)
- **Handbook on Competition Policy and Law in ASEAN for Business (2010, updated in 2013)**
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