

Trade facilitation work in the context of the implementation and impacts of the WTO TFA

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1) Mapping the **TF policy environment** **WTO TFA implementation**

- OECD Trade Facilitation Indicators (TFIs)
- Policy areas / regional / individual economy analysis

2) **Impacts of trade facilitation** **WTO TFA multi-dimensional impacts**

- Trade costs and trade flows
- Regulatory frameworks vs operational practices
- Resilience aspects

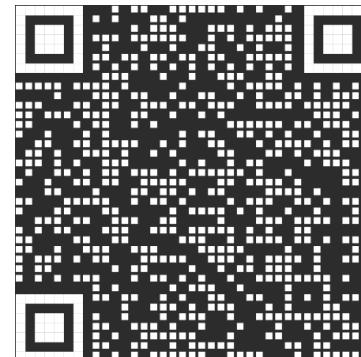
3) **Further challenges and opportunities** **Emerging issues and capacity building**

- Digitalisation
- Role of Aid for Trade Facilitation

Mapping the TF policy environment: OECD Trade Facilitation Indicators (TFIs)



Access it here:



- **Policy tools:** 11 policy indicators & 155 measures
 - Information availability
 - Consultations with traders
 - Advance rulings, appeal procedures, fees and charges
 - Trade-related documentary requirements
 - Automating and streamlining procedures
 - Domestic and cross-border agency co-operation
 - Governance and impartiality
- 163 economies & data since 2012
- Updated every 2 years, the most recent data released in **March 2025** (next update cycle 2026-27)



OECD Trade Facilitation Indicators (TFIs)

5 key features of the TFIs:

- (1) 11 policy areas covering the full spectrum of border procedures
- (2) Strongly linked to the areas covered by the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA)
- (3) Covering TFA+ aspects
- (4) Reflecting both the regulatory framework and the state of implementation in practice of trade facilitation measures (operational practices)
- (5) A scoring methodology (0 → 2) which allows to capture trade facilitation reforms + identify opportunities for progress

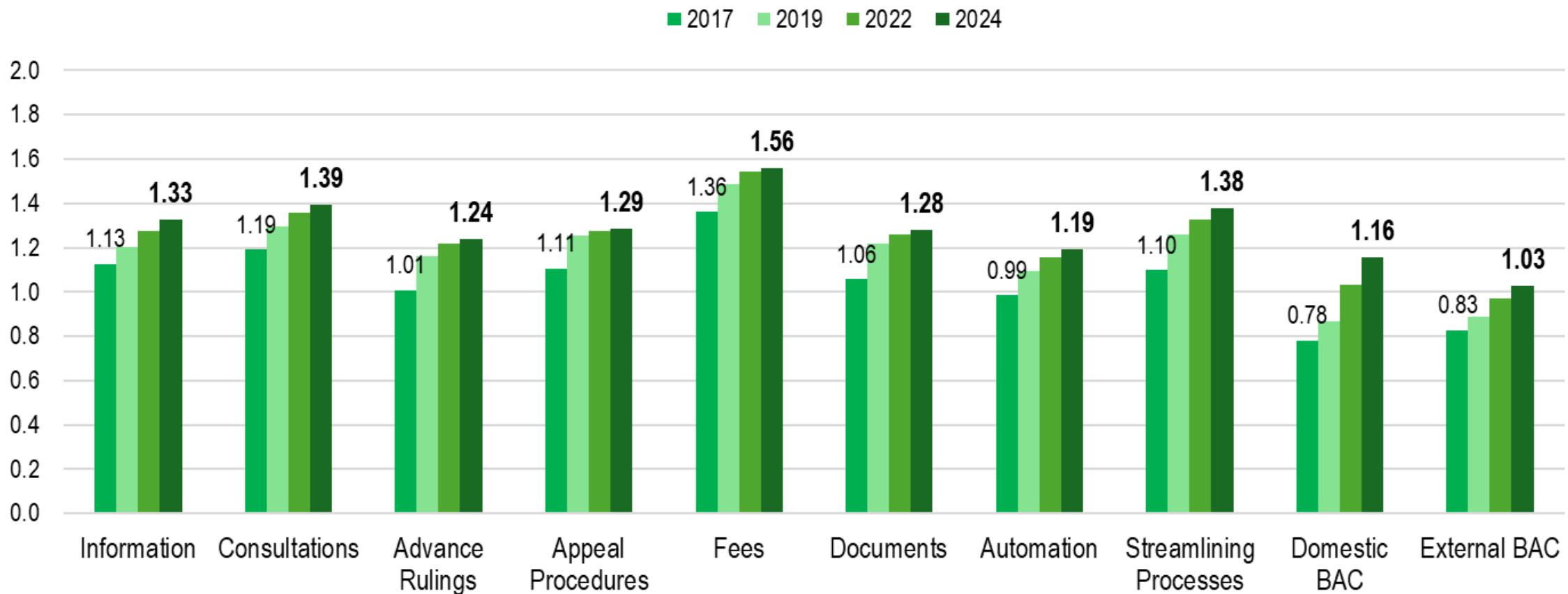


OECD Trade Facilitation Indicators (TFIs)

Indicator	Variables		TFA Articles
TFI A. Information availability	A1 → A21	21 variables	TFA Art. 1
TFI B. Involvement of the trade community	B22 → B29	8 variables	TFA Art. 2
TFI C. Advance rulings	C30 → C40	11 variables	TFA Art. 3
TFI D. Appeal procedures	D41 → D53	13 variables	TFA Art. 4
TFI E. Fees and charges	E54 → E67	14 variables	TFA Art. 6
TFI F. Formalities – documents	F68 → F76	9 variables	TFA Art. 10
TFI G. Formalities – automation	G77 → G89	13 variables	TFA Art. 7
TFI H. Formalities – procedures	H90 → H124	25 variables	TFA Art. 7; Art. 10
TFI I. Internal border agency co-operation	I125 → I135	11 variables	TFA Art. 8
TFI J. External border agency co-operation	J136 → J146	11 variables	TFA Art. 8
TFI K. Governance and impartiality	K147 → K155	9 variables	



Trade facilitation policy areas: Progress and challenges

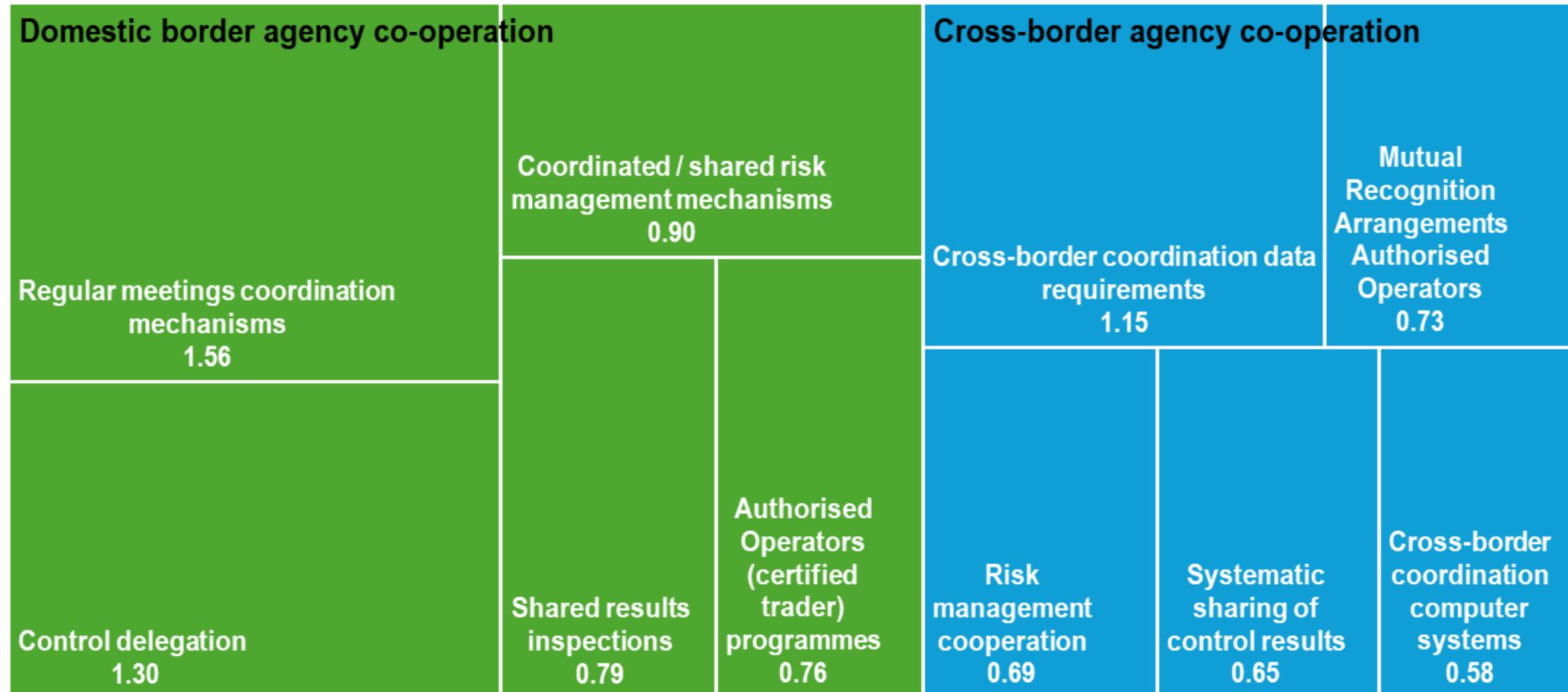


Source: [OECD Trade Facilitation Indicators, Monitoring Policies up to 2025](#).



Trade facilitation policy areas: Contribution of specific measures to improvements

The contribution (%) of specific measures to improvements in border agency co-operation, 2024

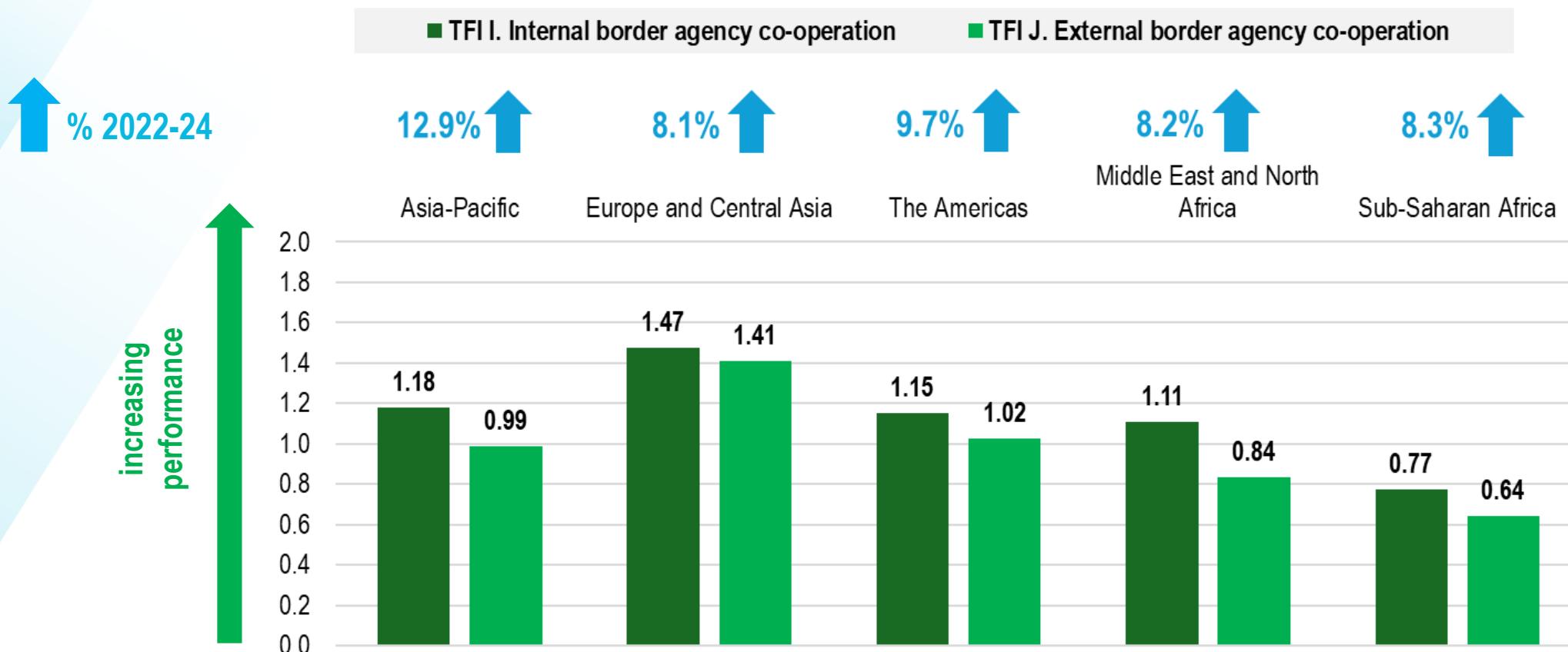


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Trade facilitation and regions: Progress and challenges

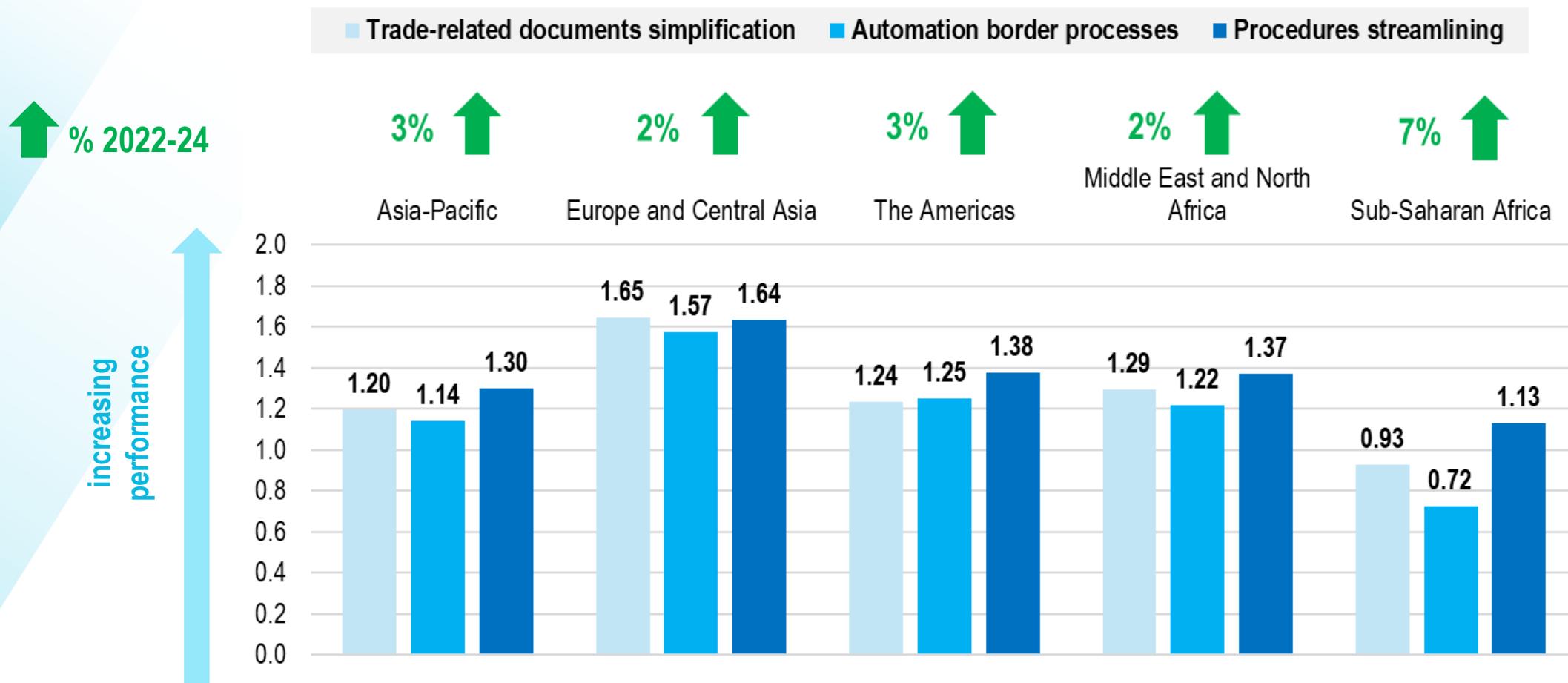
OECD Trade Facilitation Indicators: Domestic and cross-border agency co-operation





Trade facilitation and regions: Progress and challenges

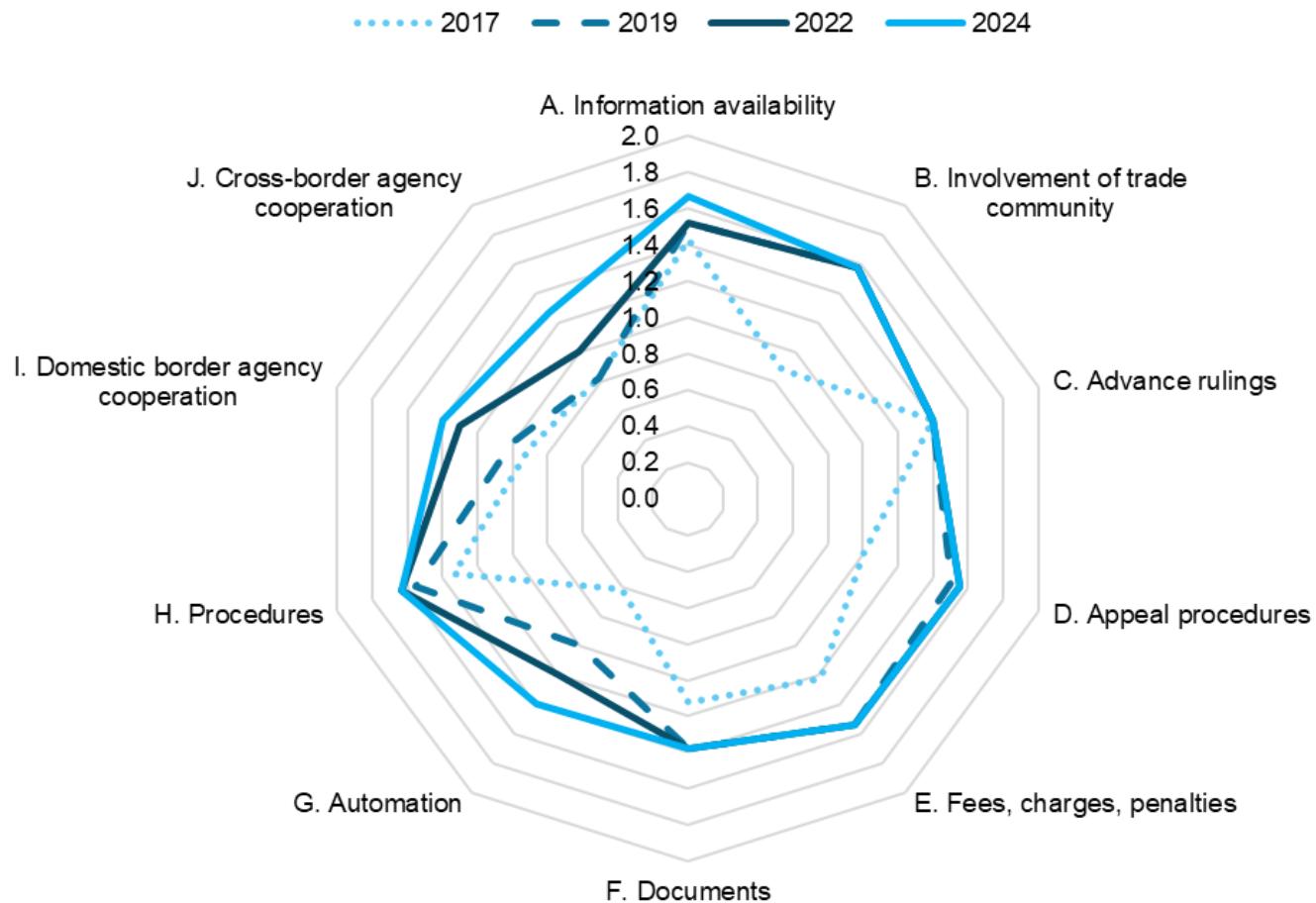
OECD Trade Facilitation Indicators: Automation and Streamlining processes





Trade facilitation and individual economies: Progress and challenges

OECD Trade Facilitation Indicators: Economy Profile

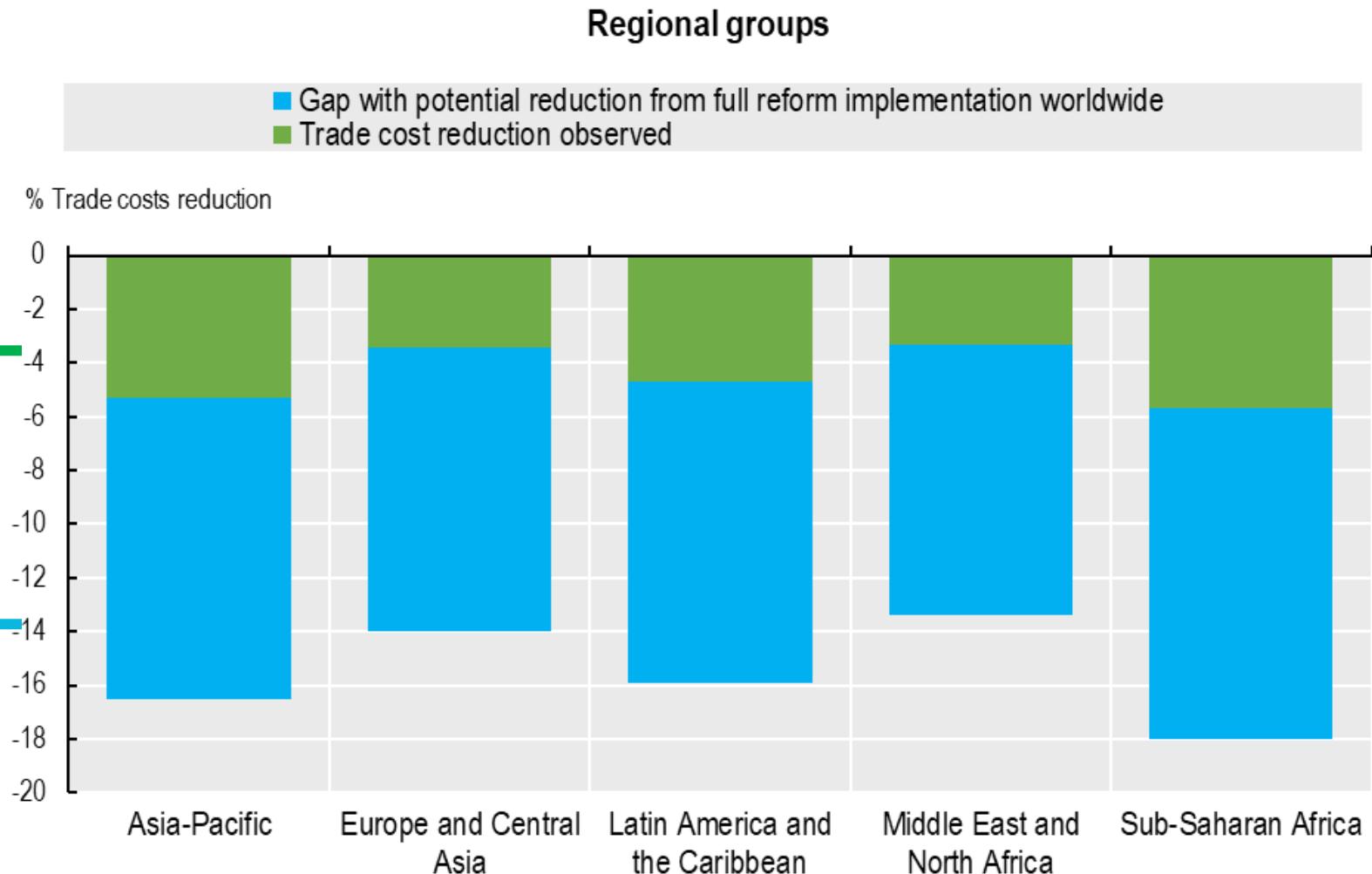




Impacts of trade facilitation: (1) Trade costs

Trade costs reduction since TFA conclusion

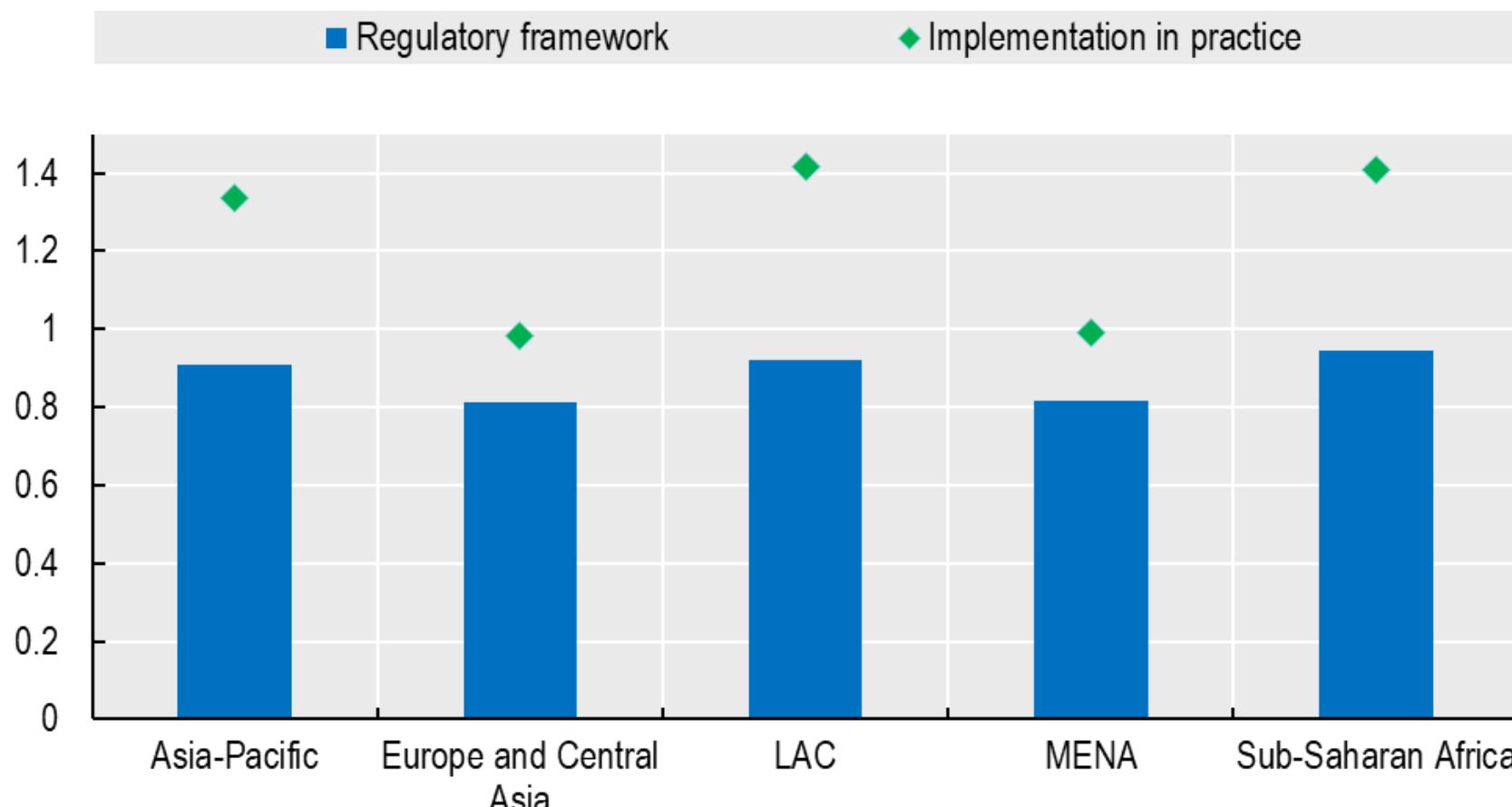
Gap with potential trade costs reduction from full implementation worldwide



Source: [OECD Trade Facilitation Indicators, Monitoring Policies up to 2025](#).

Impacts of trade facilitation: (2) Regulatory frameworks and operational practices

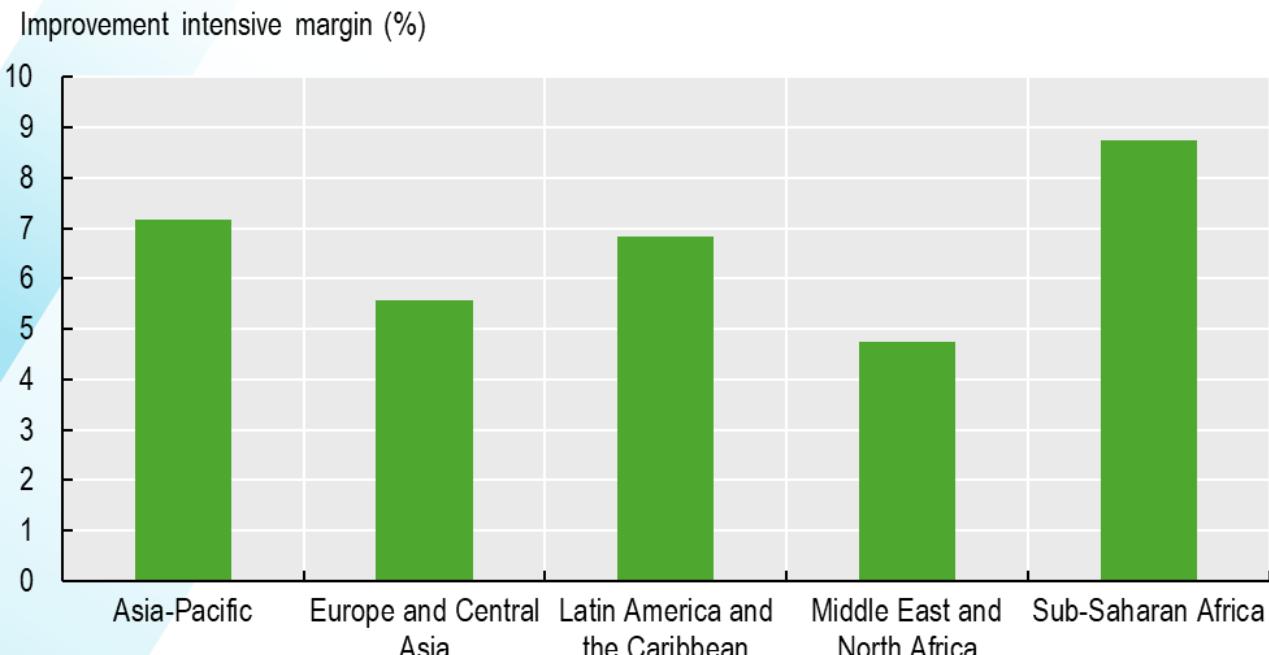
Mind the gap in automating and streamlining border processes: The trade flow response to improving operational practices is stronger



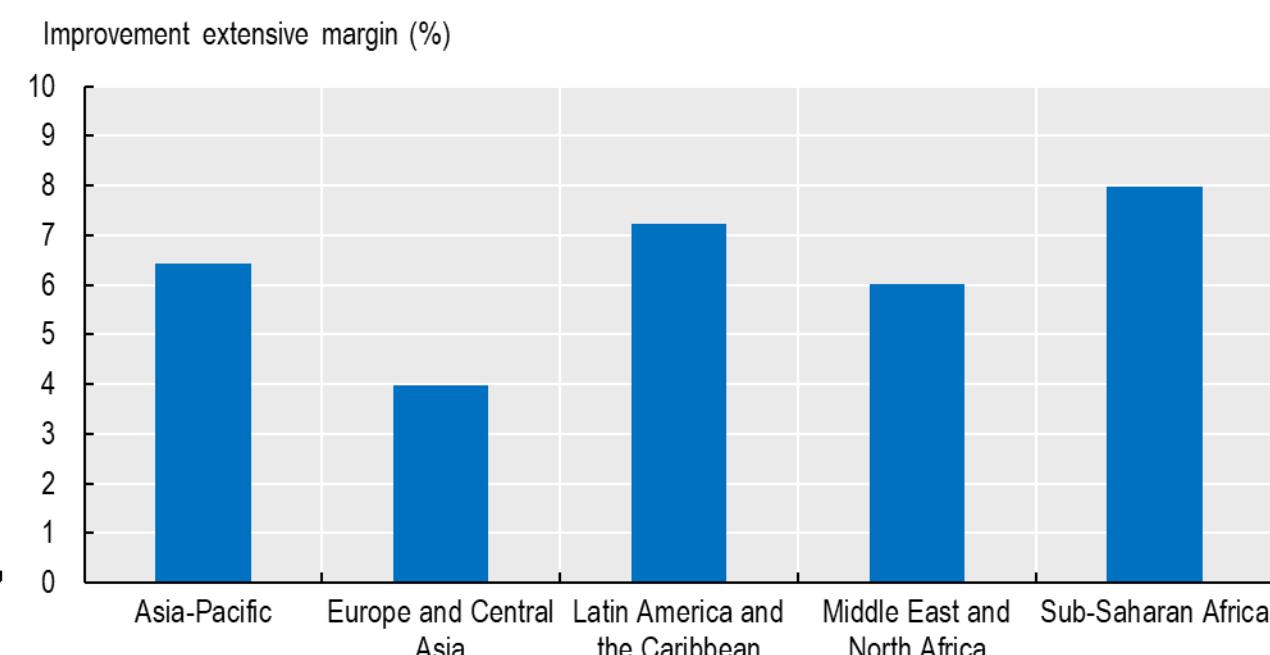


Impacts of trade facilitation: (3) Resilience aspects

Trade facilitation reforms can help maintain supply in case of shocks



And enable new trade relationships



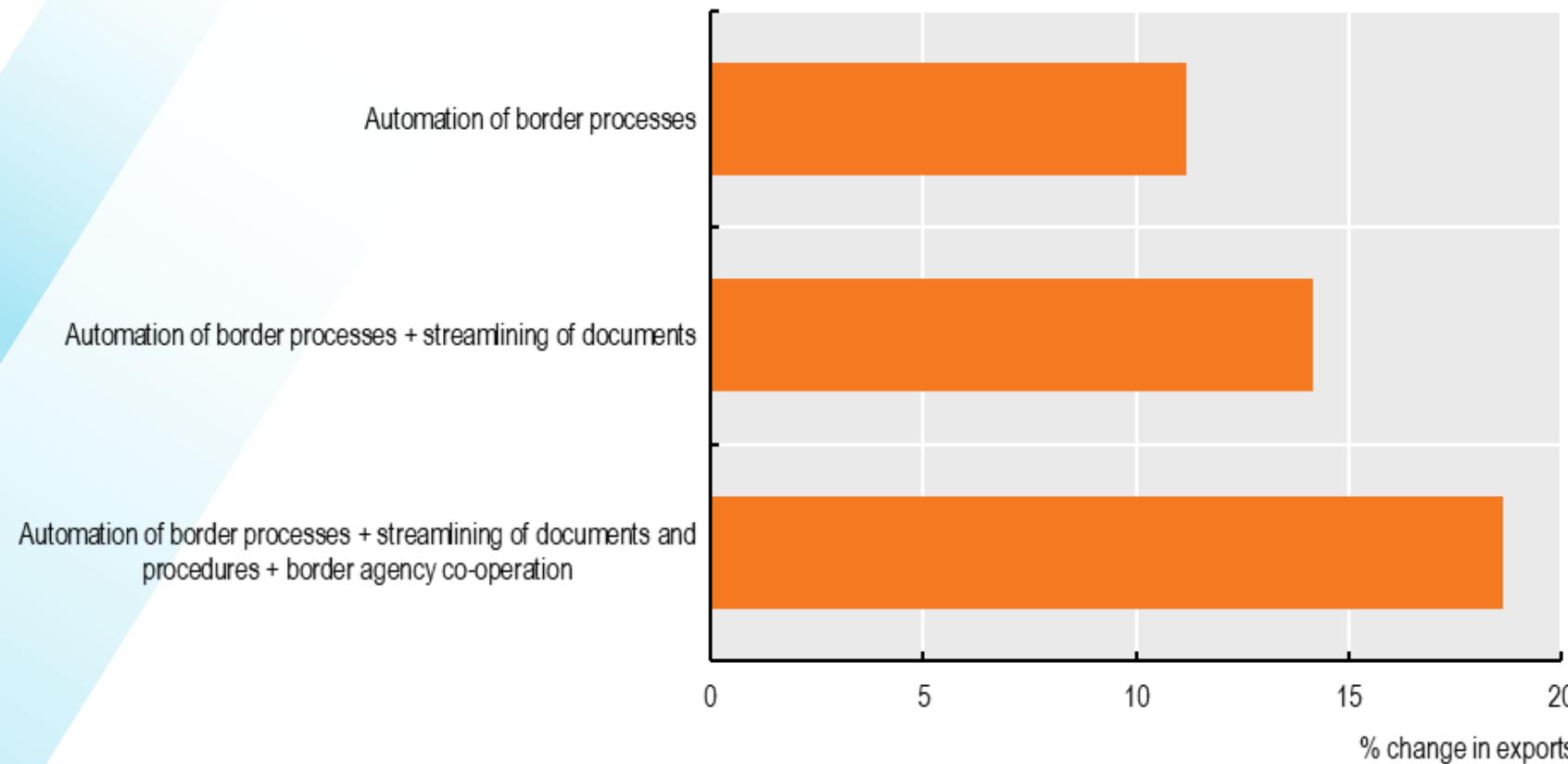
Note: Based on a 10% improvement in trade facilitation performance, by regional grouping. Using trade data from USITC ITPD-E database version 2.

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Further challenges and opportunities: Role of trade facilitation in *going paperless*

Impacts from a 10% improvement in the TFIs, by areas (%)

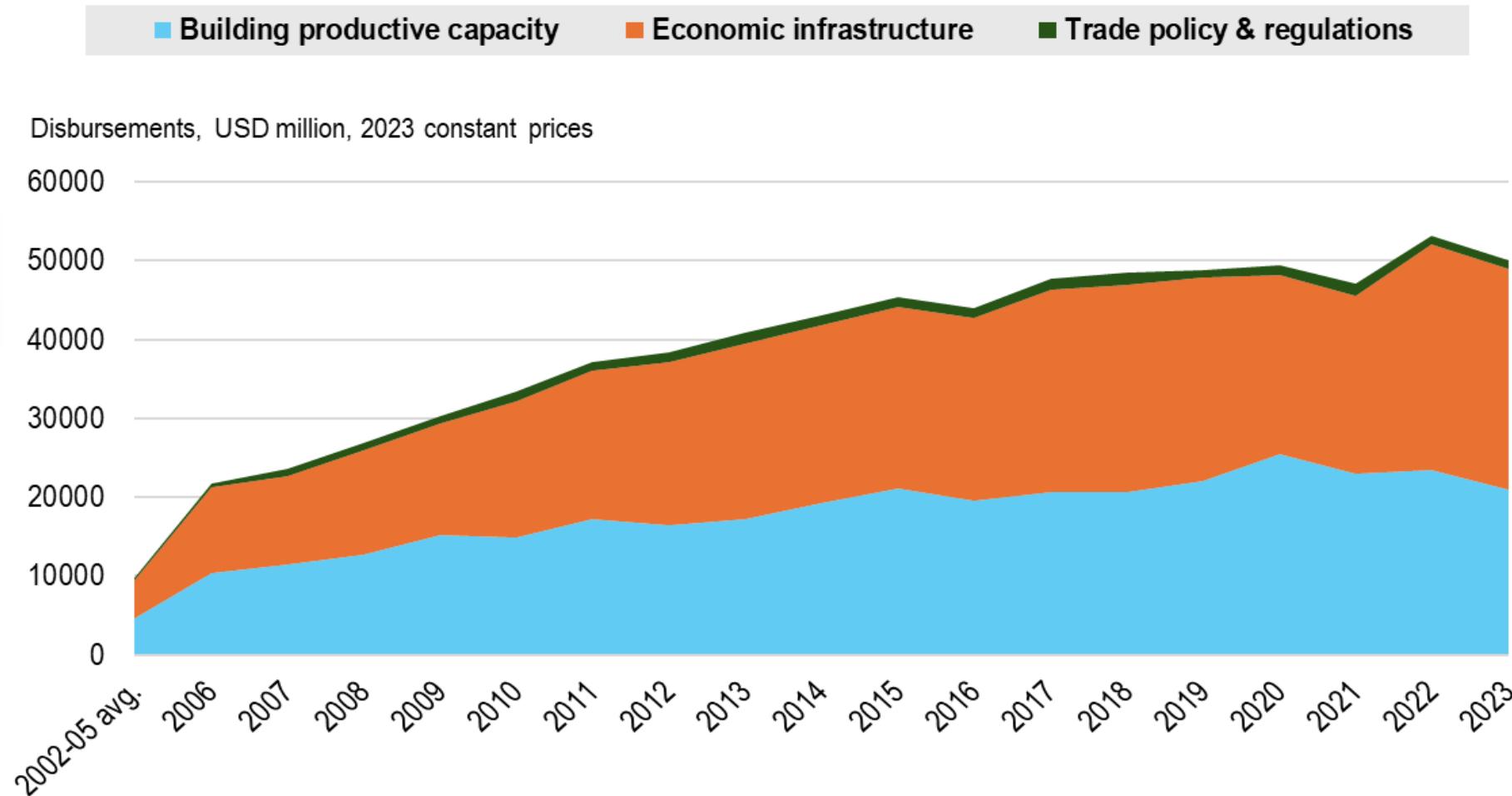


A **10% improvement** in the trade facilitation policy measures that matter for ***going paperless*** can deliver an increase of up to **18% in global goods exports**

Source: OECD (2025), "The digitalisation of trade documents and processes: Going paperless today, going paperless tomorrow", *OECD Trade Policy Papers*, No. 297, OECD Publishing, Paris, <https://doi.org/10.1787/64872f25-en>.



Further challenges and opportunities: Role of Aid for Trade Facilitation



Source: Evolution of Aid for Trade by category, Official providers. OECD Aid for Trade dashboard, <https://www.oecd.org/en/data/dashboards/aid-for-trade.html>.



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