

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

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# **Trade Facilitation** work in the context of the implementation and impacts of the WTO TFA

## 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

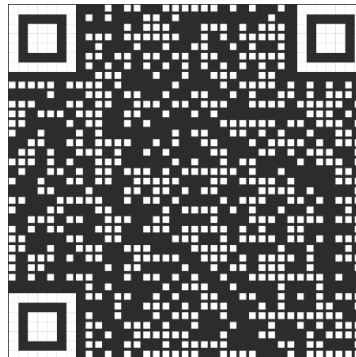
## 3) **Further challenges** and **opportunities** **Emerging issues and capacity building**

- 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:

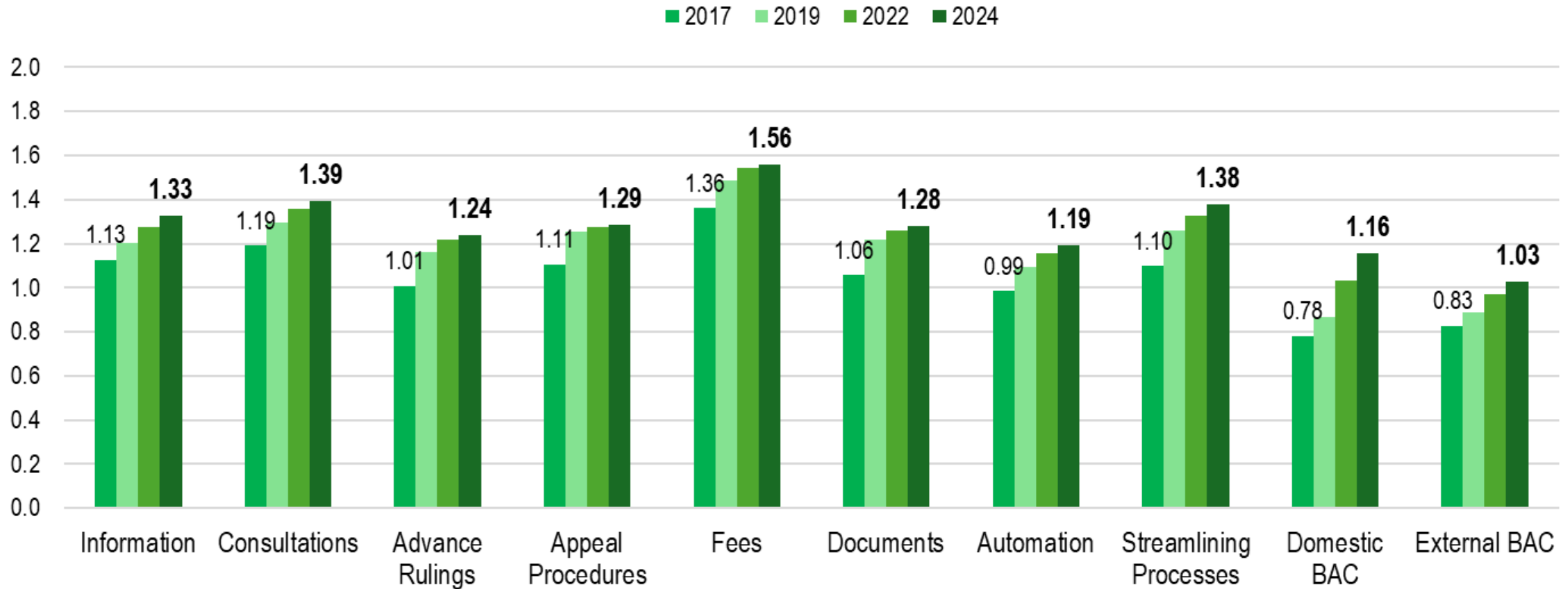
- (1) 11 **policy areas** covering the **full spectrum of border procedures**
- (2) Strongly linked to the areas covered by the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (**TFA**)
- (3) Covering **TFA+** aspects
- (4) Reflecting both the **regulatory framework** and the **state of implementation in practice** 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

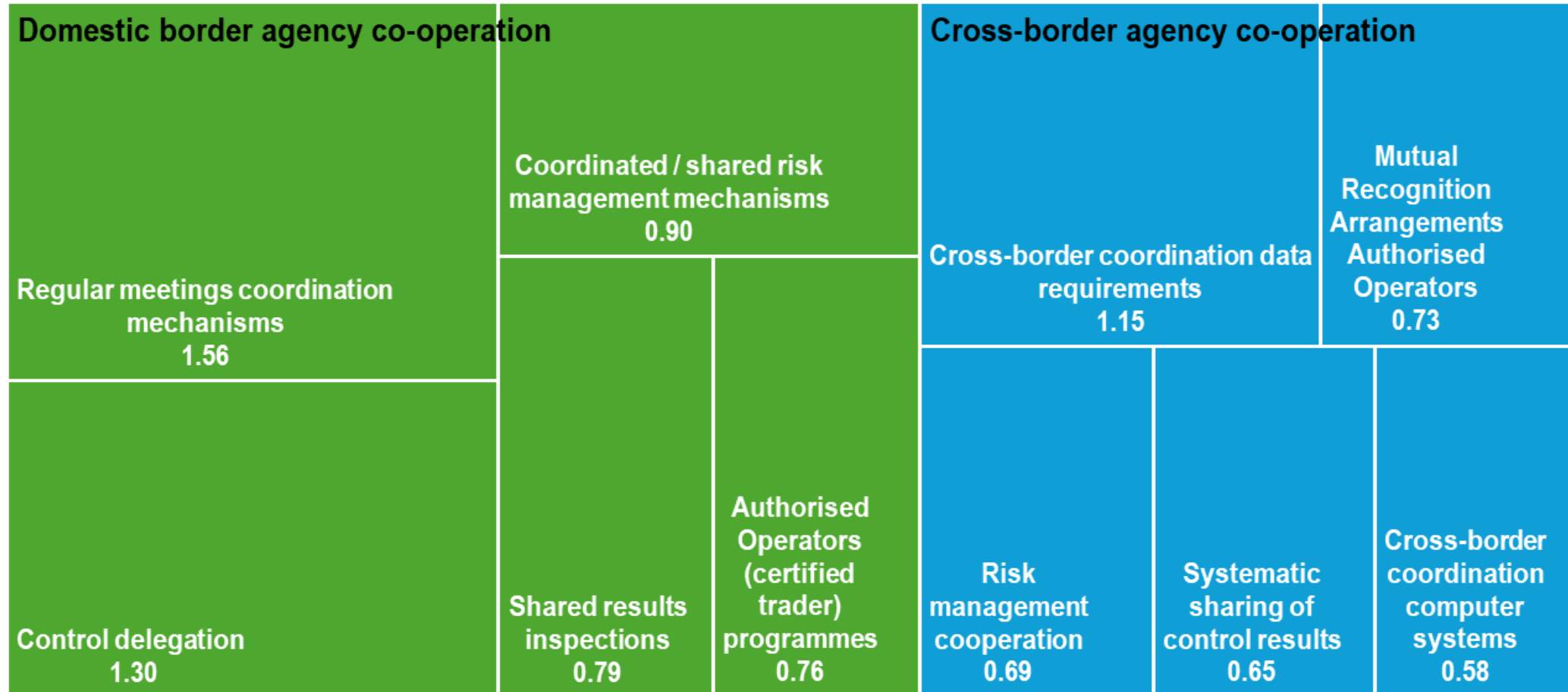


Source: [OECD Trade Facilitation Indicators, Monitoring Policies up to 2025](#).



# Trade facilitation policy areas: Contribution of specific measures to improvements

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



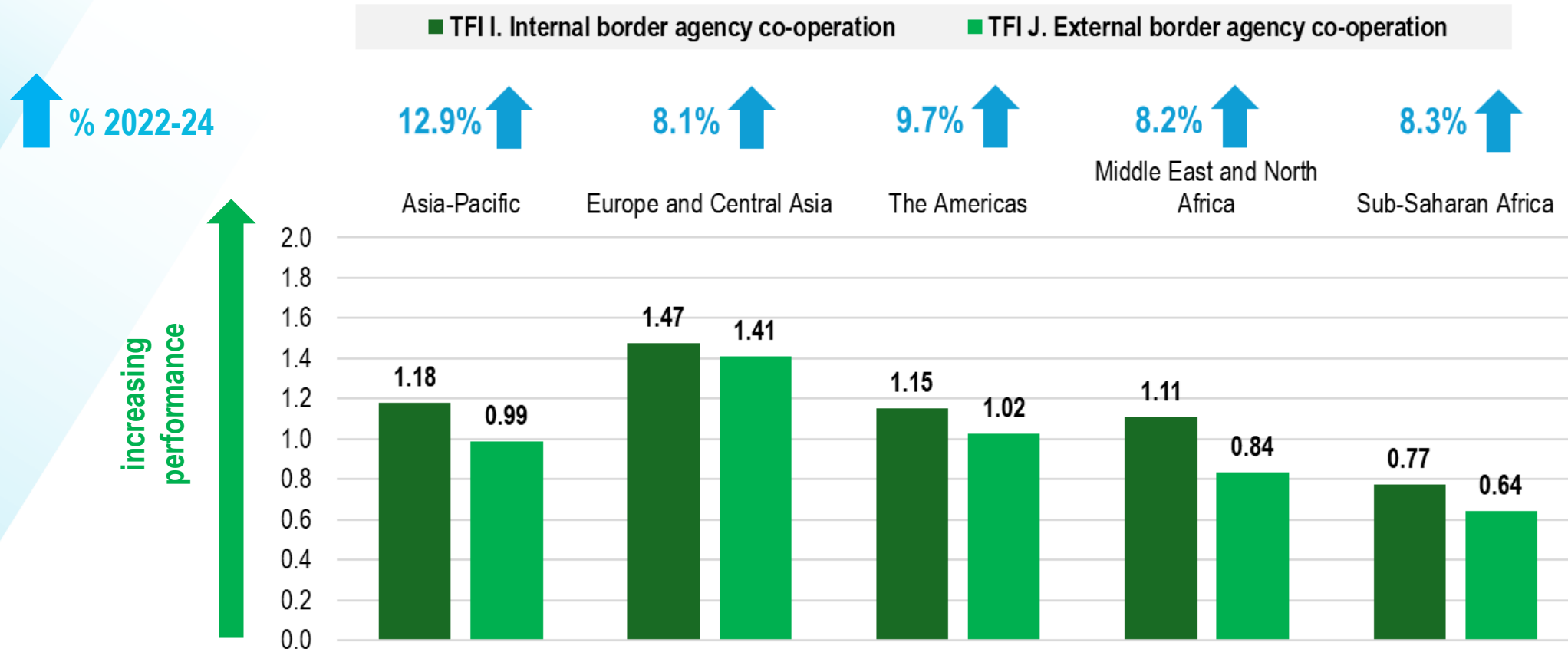
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# Trade facilitation and regions: Progress and challenges

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



Source: <https://sim.oecd.org/default.ashx?ds=TFI>

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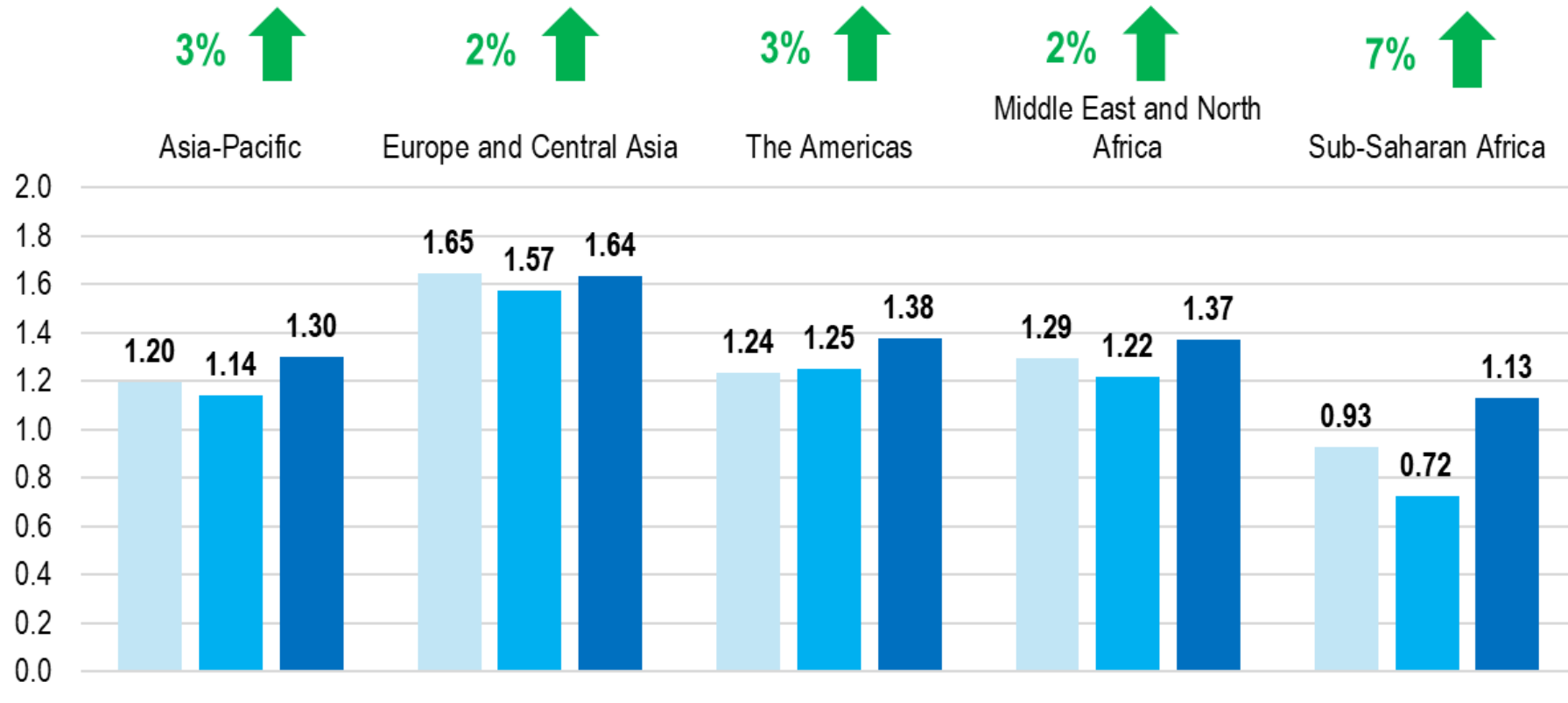
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## OECD Trade Facilitation Indicators: Automation and Streamlining processes

Trade-related documents simplification   Automation border processes   Procedures streamlining

↑ % 2022-24

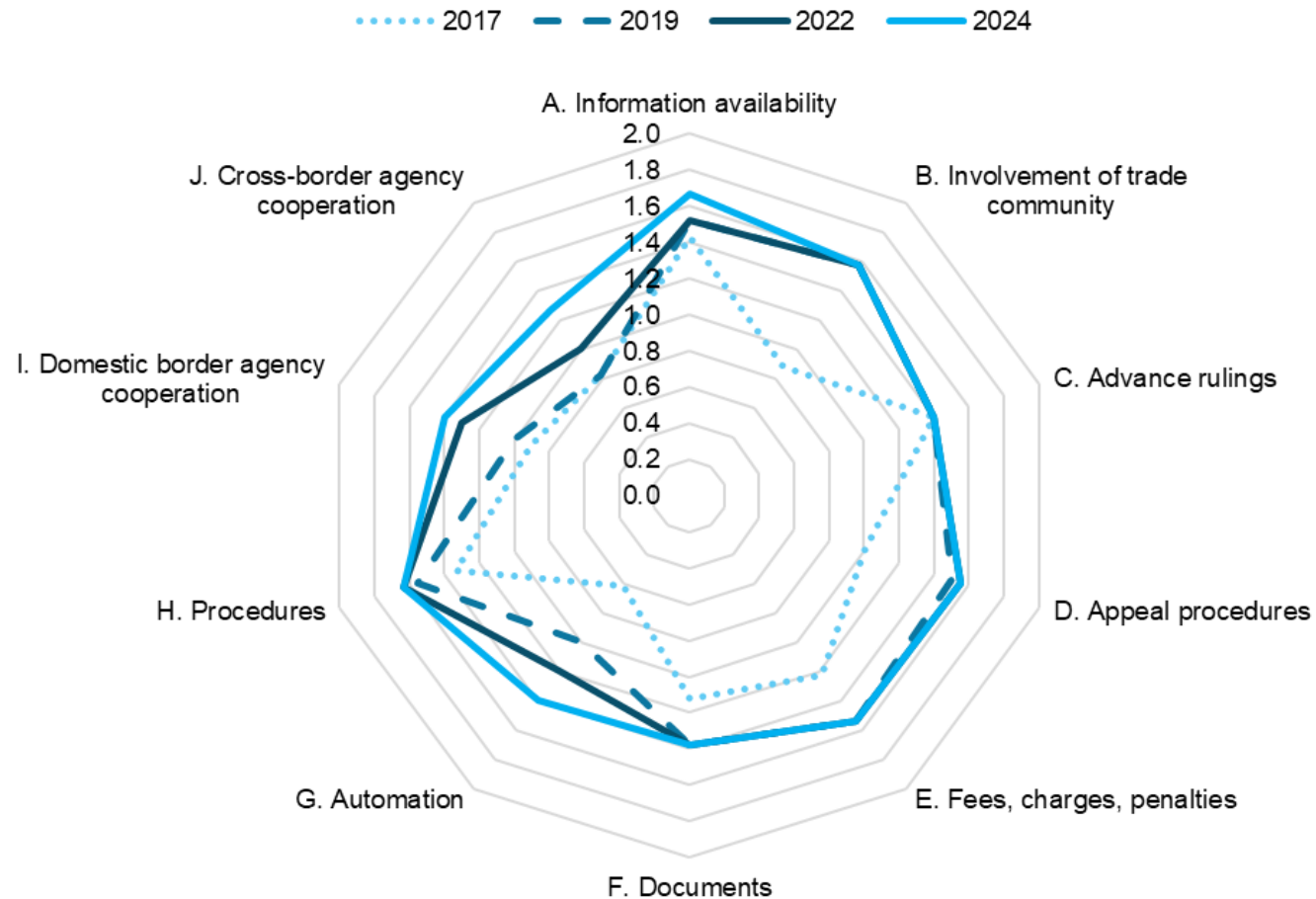
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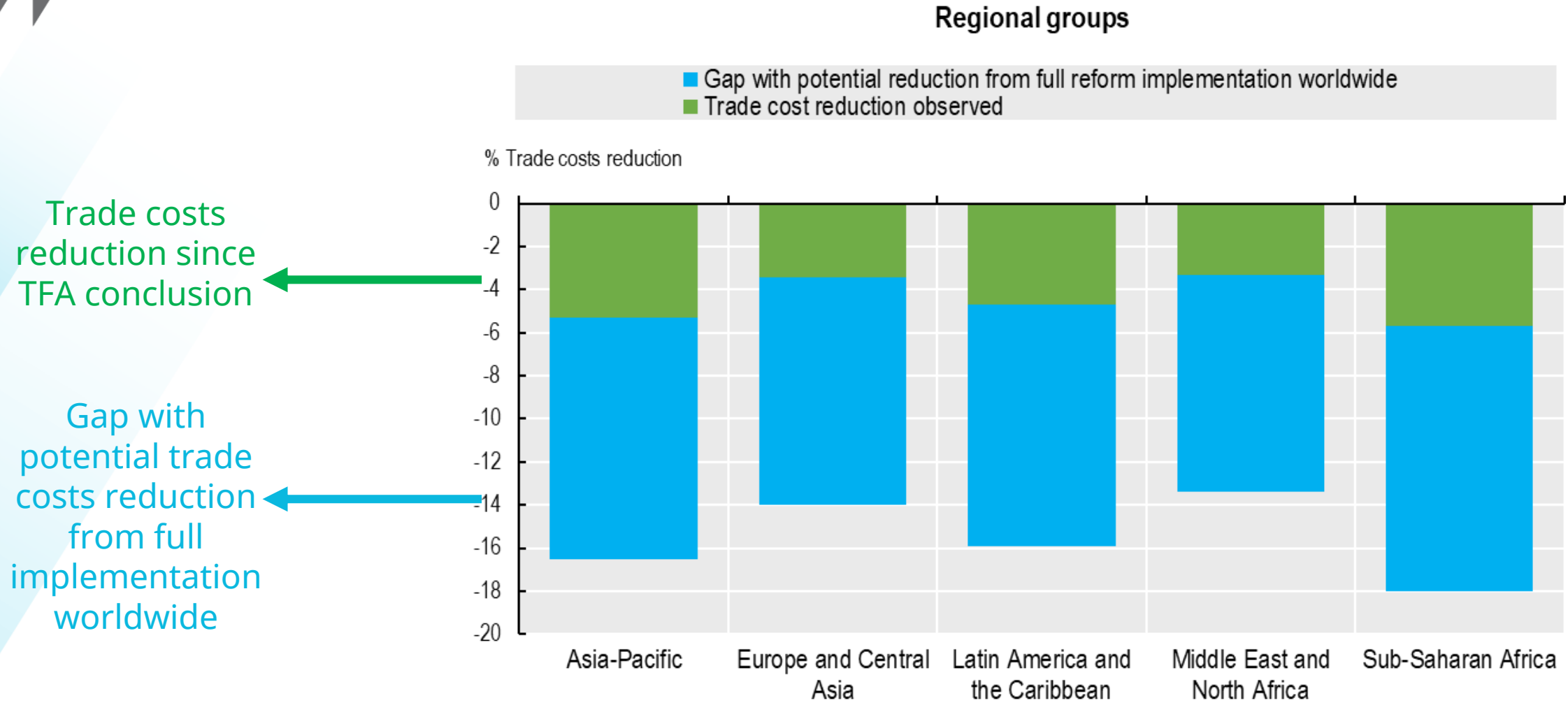
# Trade facilitation and individual economies: Progress and challenges

OECD Trade Facilitation Indicators: Economy Profile





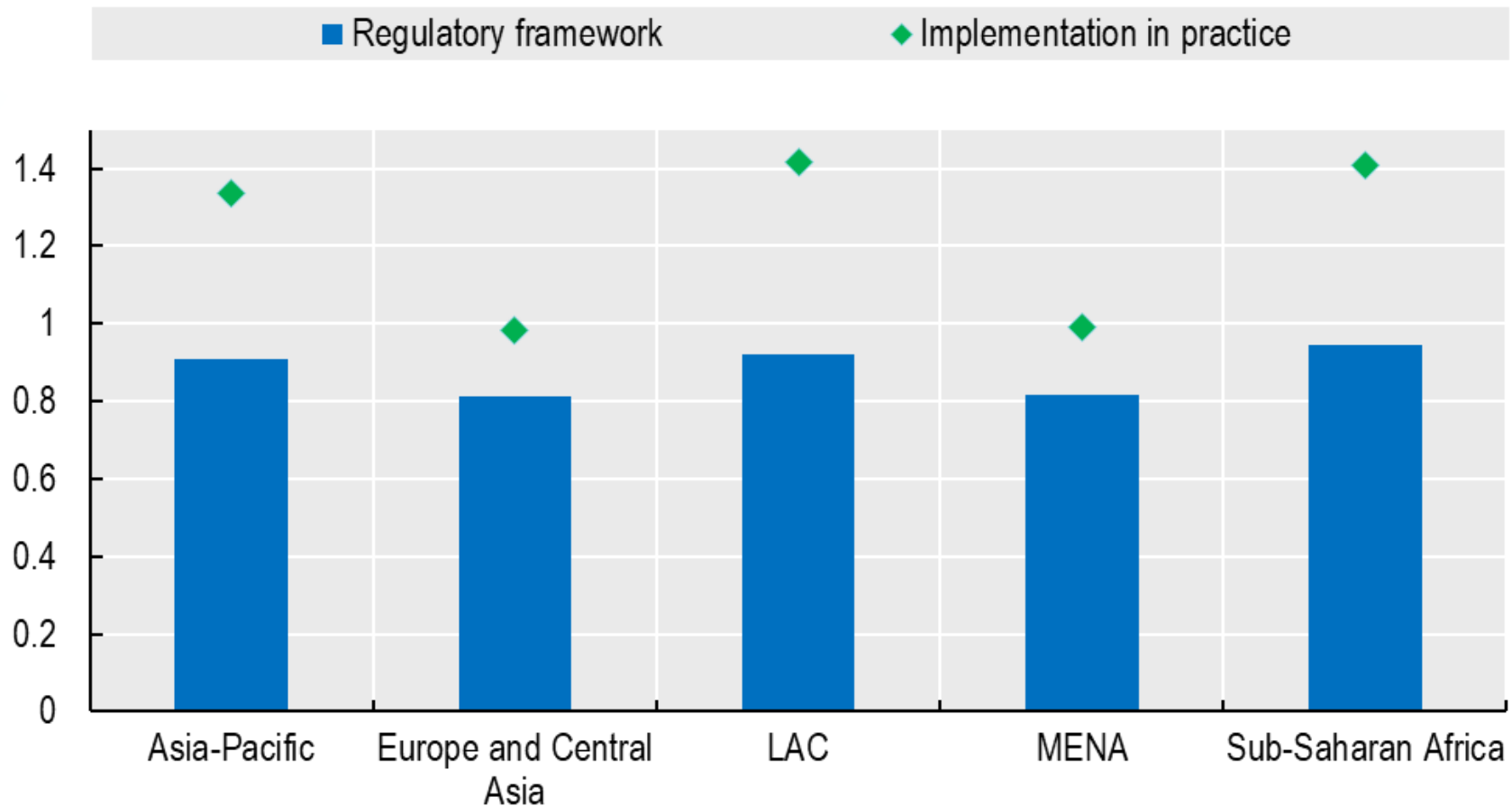
# Impacts of trade facilitation: (1) Trade costs



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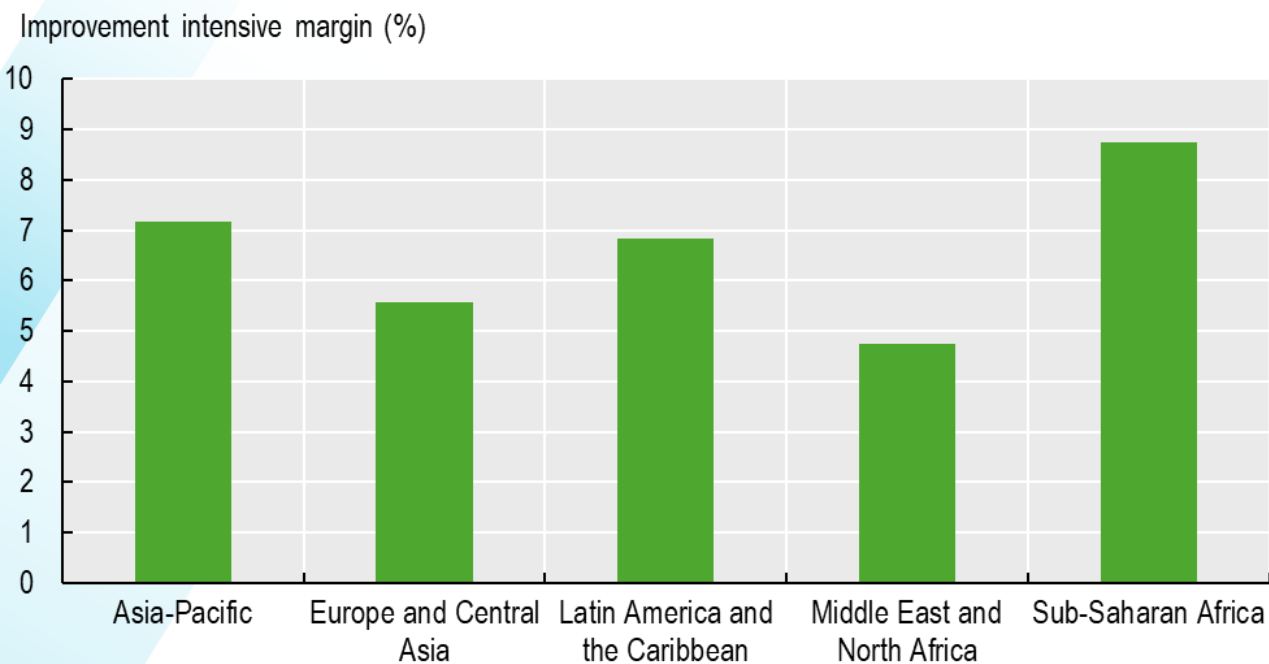
# Impacts of trade facilitation: (2) Regulatory frameworks and operational practices

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

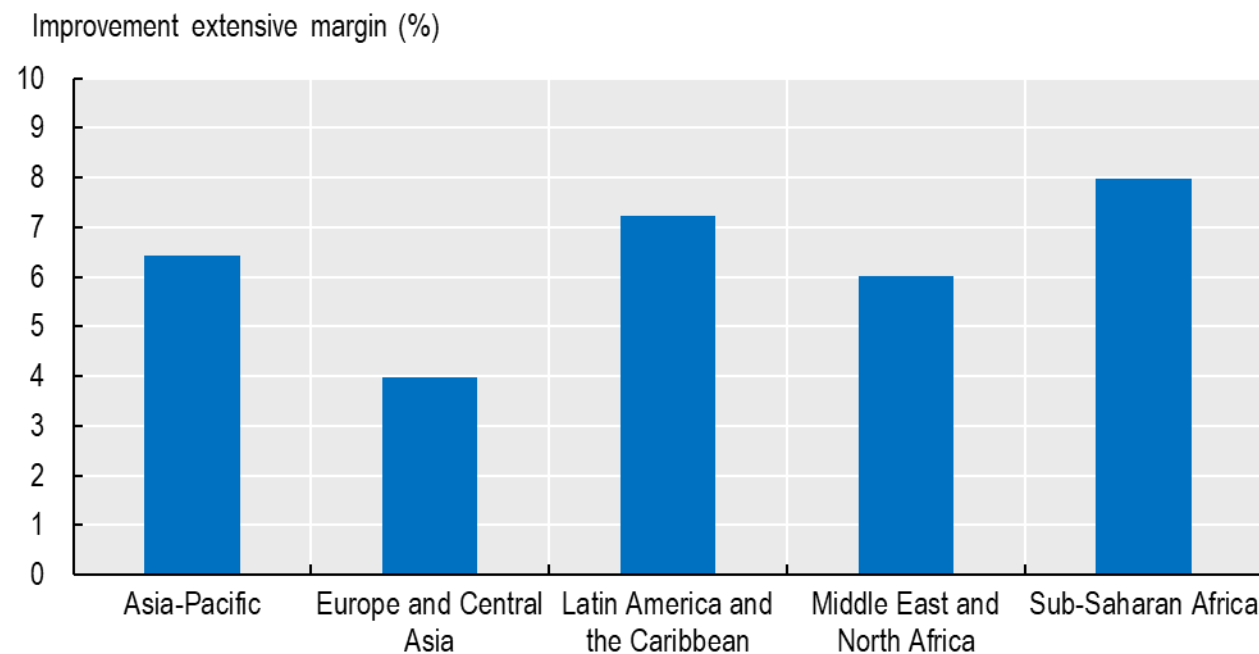


# Impacts of trade facilitation: (3) Resilience aspects

## Trade facilitation reforms can help maintain supply in case of shocks



## And enable new trade relationships



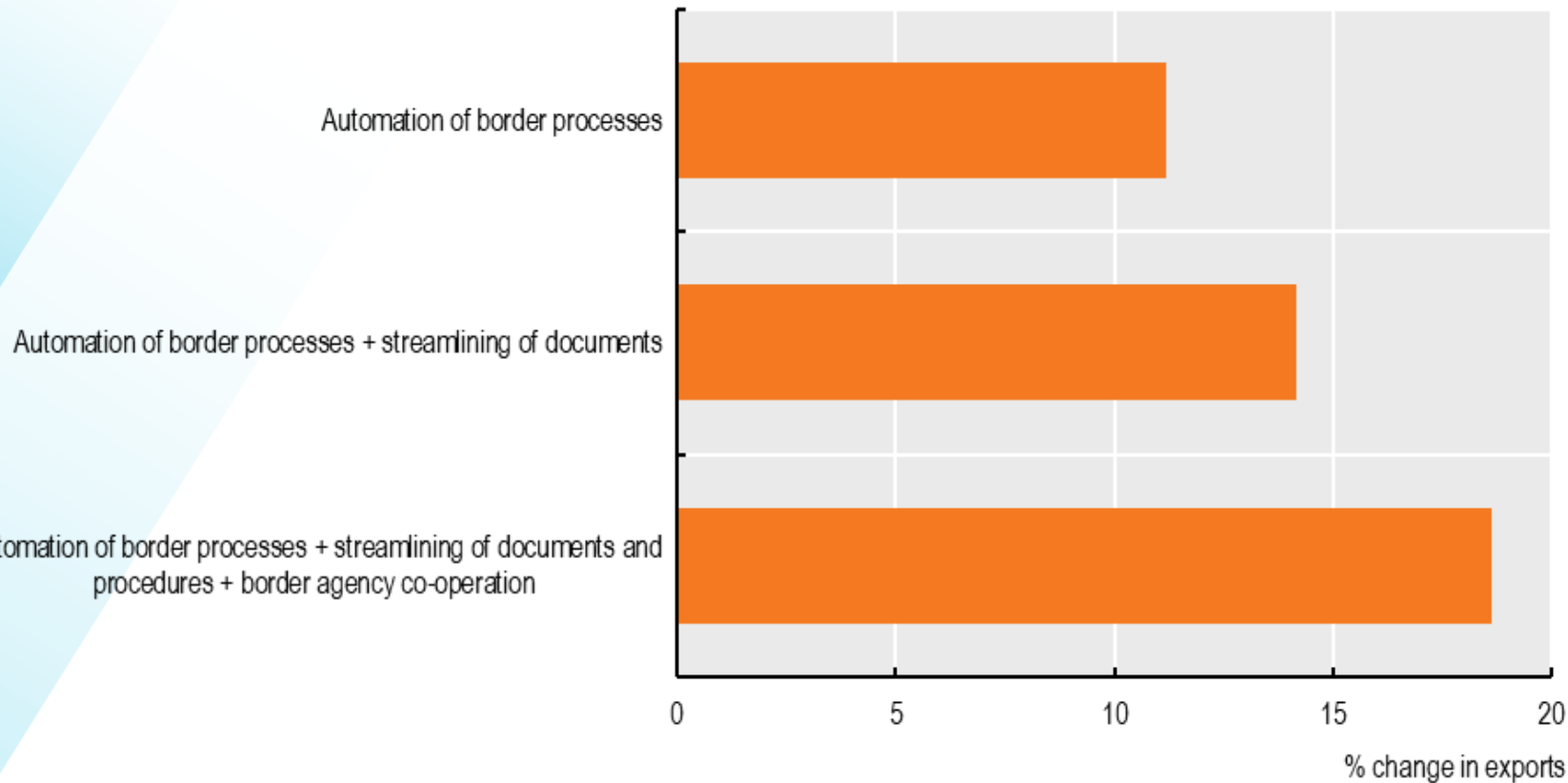
Note: Based on a 10% improvement in trade facilitation performance, by regional grouping. Using trade data from USITC ITPD-E database version 2.

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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 (%)

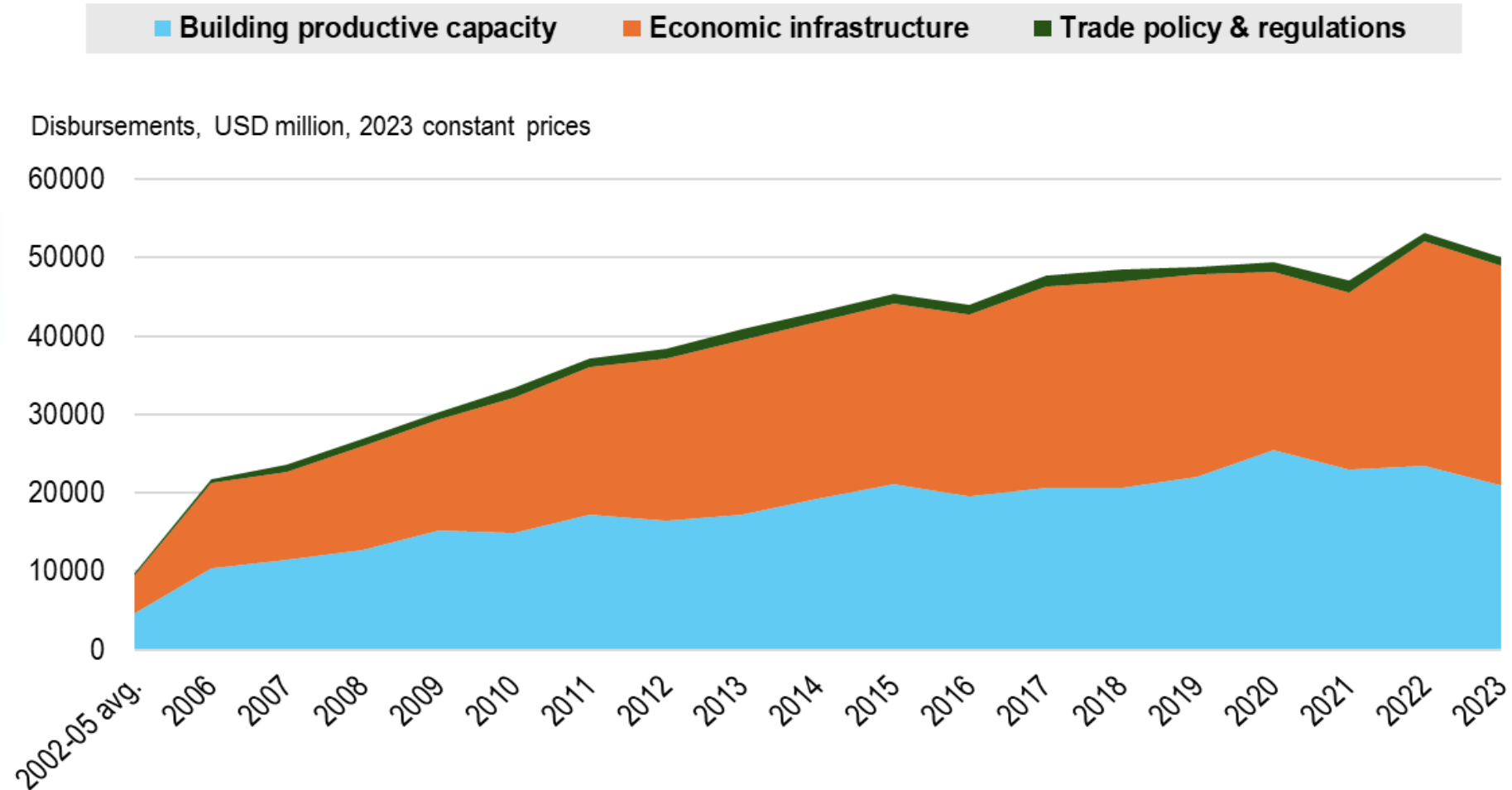


A **10% improvement** in the trade facilitation policy measures that matter for *going paperless* can deliver an increase of up to **18% in global goods exports**

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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