

SCOPE Ship Safety Project

 GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS	Asia (Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and wider ASEAN region)
 TOTAL BUDGET	1 million EUR
 DONOR	European Union / European Commission
 PROJECT DURATION	1 January 2025 – 31 December 2027

Improving domestic ferry transportation safety in Asia



THE ISSUE

The SCOPE Ship Safety project helps to mitigate the significant safety challenges within Southeast Asia's domestic ferry sector, a region with a disproportionately high percentage of ferry safety incidents.

By harmonizing fragmented regulations and improving access to capital, the project empowers operators to upgrade safety standards. It promotes a more inclusive maritime environment by institutionalizing mandates for accessibility and integrating Gender, Equality, and Social Inclusion (GESI) principles into the sector's governance.

OUR SOLUTION

The Project's objective is to improve knowledge and institutional capacities for passenger ship safety in a selected number of ASEAN (The Association of Southeast Asian Nations) countries, namely Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand, and in the wider ASEAN region.

By addressing critical areas, such as regulatory frameworks, technical solutions, and stakeholder capacity building, the initiative fosters safe, reliable and sustainable ferry connectivity.

As part of the EU-ASEAN Sustainable Connectivity Package (SCOPE), the Project aligns with the EU's commitment to promoting sustainable connectivity and contributes to the Team Europe Initiative (TEI) on Sustainable Connectivity for ASEAN.

IMPACT

- ✓ Strengthening the strategic partnership between EU and ASEAN by harmonizing maritime safety standards, digital transformation, and sustainable practices.
- ✓ Mitigating high frequency of ferry incidents by elevating institutional expertise. This includes the pioneering inclusion of Gender, Equality, and Social Inclusion (GESI) within safety protocols and the conversion of technical findings into viable investment opportunities for global capital.
- ✓ Fostering regional prosperity and fortifying the long-term stability of coastal communities.

