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DA11th Online Capacity Building Workshop

Asia-Pacific Regional Integration: Measuring, Monitoring and Improving Performance for Sustainable Development

Overview of the Development Account project on
“Measuring, monitoring and improving performance in
regional integration
within ECA, ESCWA and ESCAP regions”



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What is a Development Account (DA) project?

- In 1997, the **General Assembly of the United Nations (UN)** established (through resolution 52/12 B) the **Development Account (DA)** (<https://www.un.org/development/desa/da/>)
- The DA is a mechanism to fund capacity development projects of the economic and social entities of the **UN Secretariat** (*i.e. DESA, UNCTAD, UNEP, UN-Habitat, UNODC, ECA, ECE, ECLAC, ESCAP and ESCWA*)
- DA projects should aim at ***“enhancing capacities of developing countries in the priority areas of the United Nations Development Agenda”*** ([DA website](#))

What is this DA project about?

- This DA project (from 11th tranche) aims at:
 - Strengthening the capacity of selected developing countries to measure, monitor and improve their performance in regional integration within the Africa, Arab and Asia-Pacific regions
- Jointly implemented by ECA (lead), ESCWA and ESCAP
- Target countries (for country-specific activities):
 - Benin & Tanzania (Africa region), Jordan & Morocco (Arab region) and 2 countries tba (Asia-Pacific region)

Why such project?

- **Economic cooperation and integration matter for sustainable development**
- **Monitoring and assessing progress towards integration frameworks (e.g. African Continental Free Trade Area, Arab Customs Union, Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, etc.)**
- **Helping member States and regional groupings diagnose their performance in different aspects of integration and providing incentive to progress further**
- **Creating an improved dataset on regional integration in the Africa, Arab and Asia-Pacific regions to enable better policy analysis/decision**
- **Not starting from scratch (e.g. Africa Regional Integration Index (ARII) by ECA-AfDB-AUC; ESCWA's System of Indexes, ADB's Asia-Pacific Regional Cooperation and Integration Index (ARCII))**

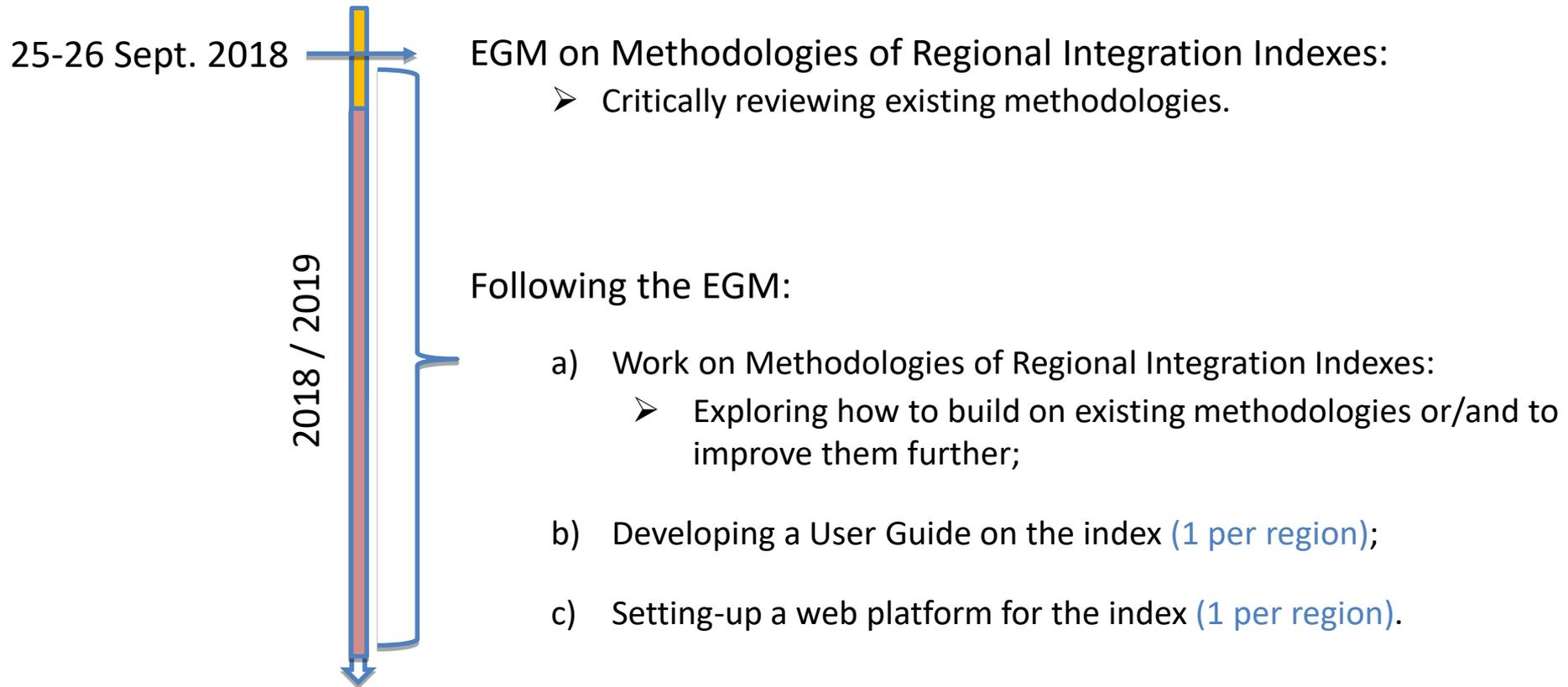
How is the project being implemented?

- **3 levels of interventions:**

- 1) Providing tools for assessment and monitoring of regional integration;**
- 2) Undertaking capacity building activities to member States;**
- 3) Offering technical assistance to selected member States.**

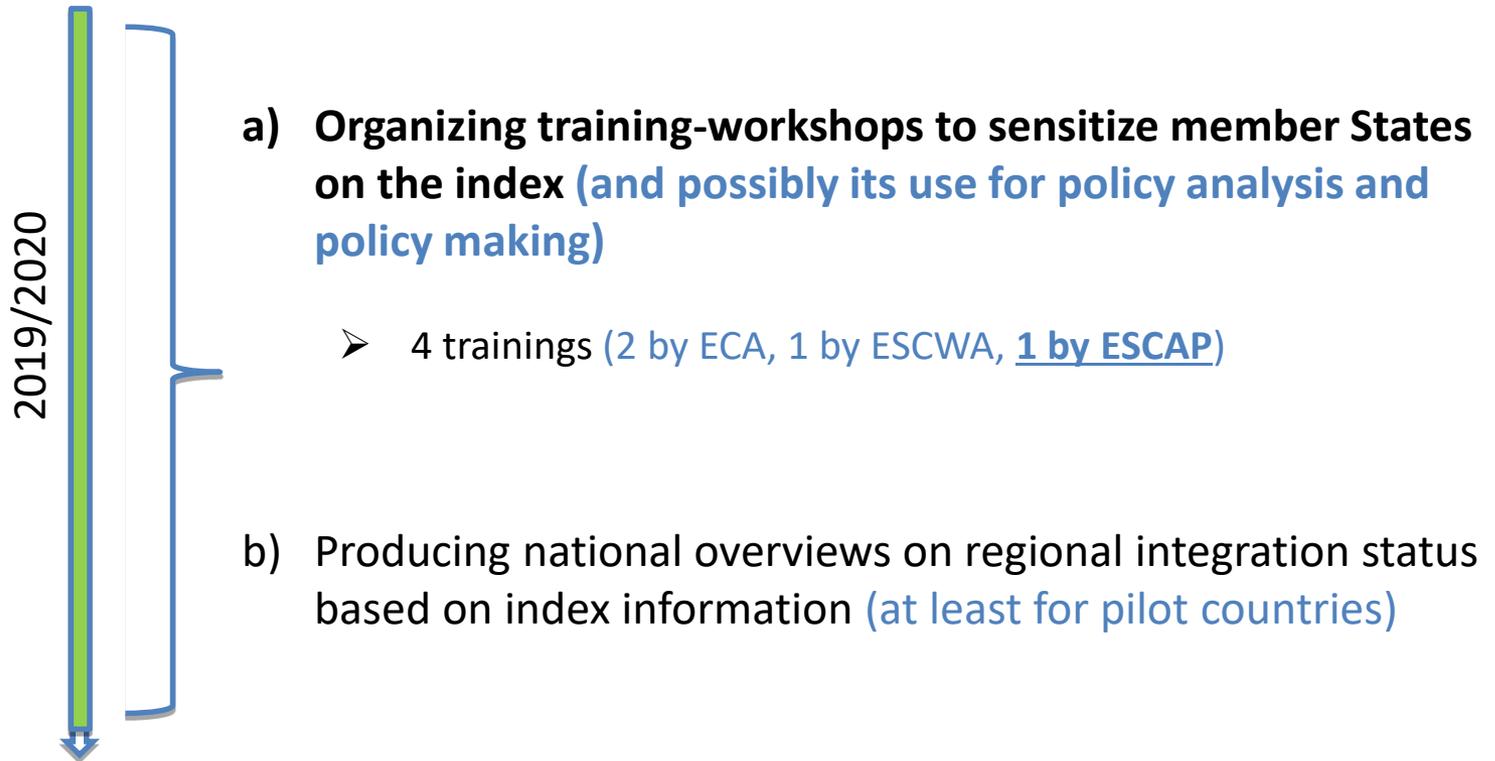
Concrete activities and (tentative) timeline

1) Providing a robust regional integration index to be freely and easily accessible to all stakeholders in each of the three regions of focus



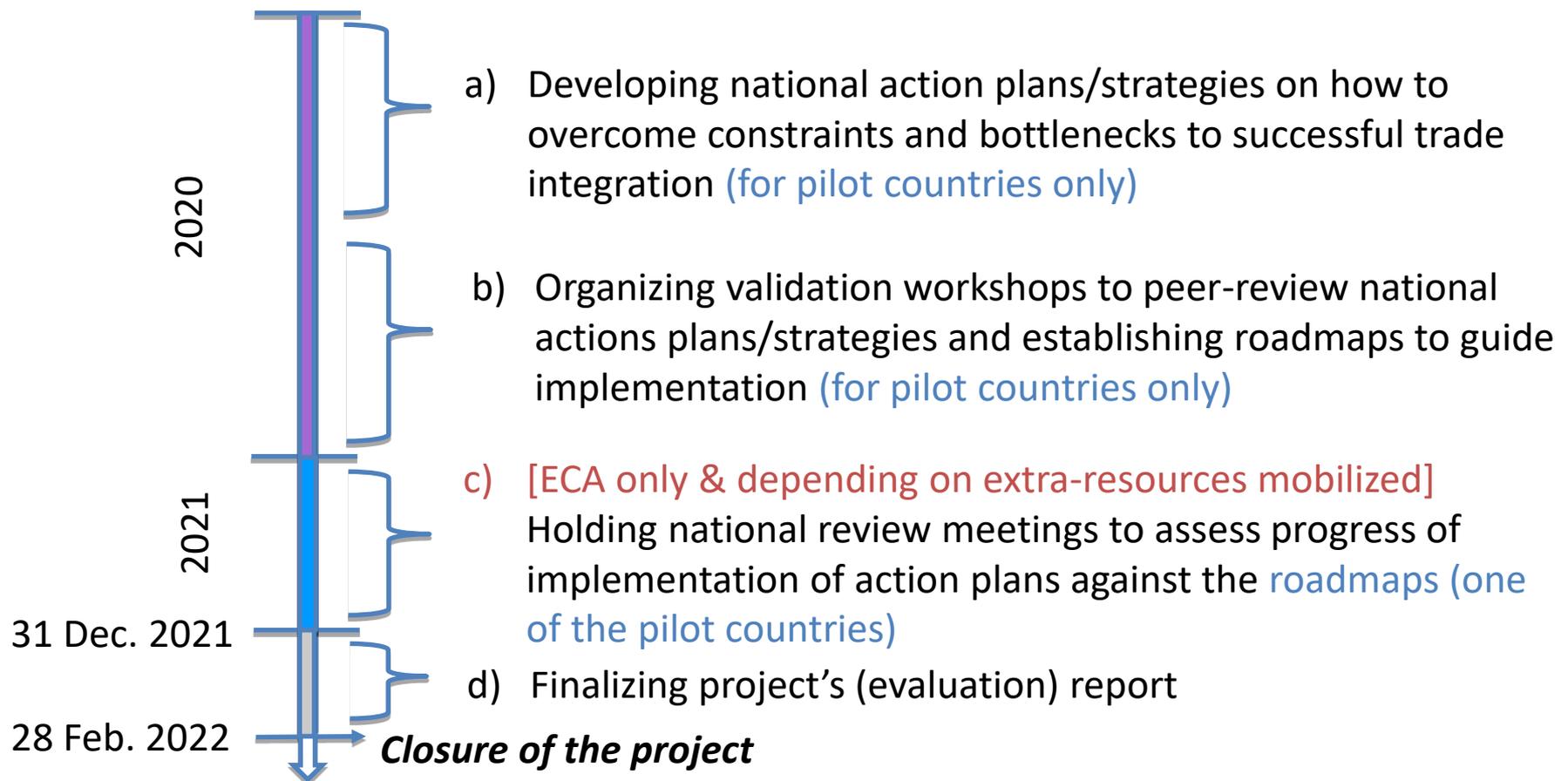
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2) Undertaking capacity building activities to train member States on the use of the information generated through the index for better policy making and analysis



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3) Offering technical assistance to selected developing countries with a view to improving their own performance in regional integration, with strong emphasis on trade integration





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