

Trade Facilitation work at the OECD and support to the ongoing implementation of the WTO TFA

Panel discussion on cooperation with the WTO and other Annex D organizations

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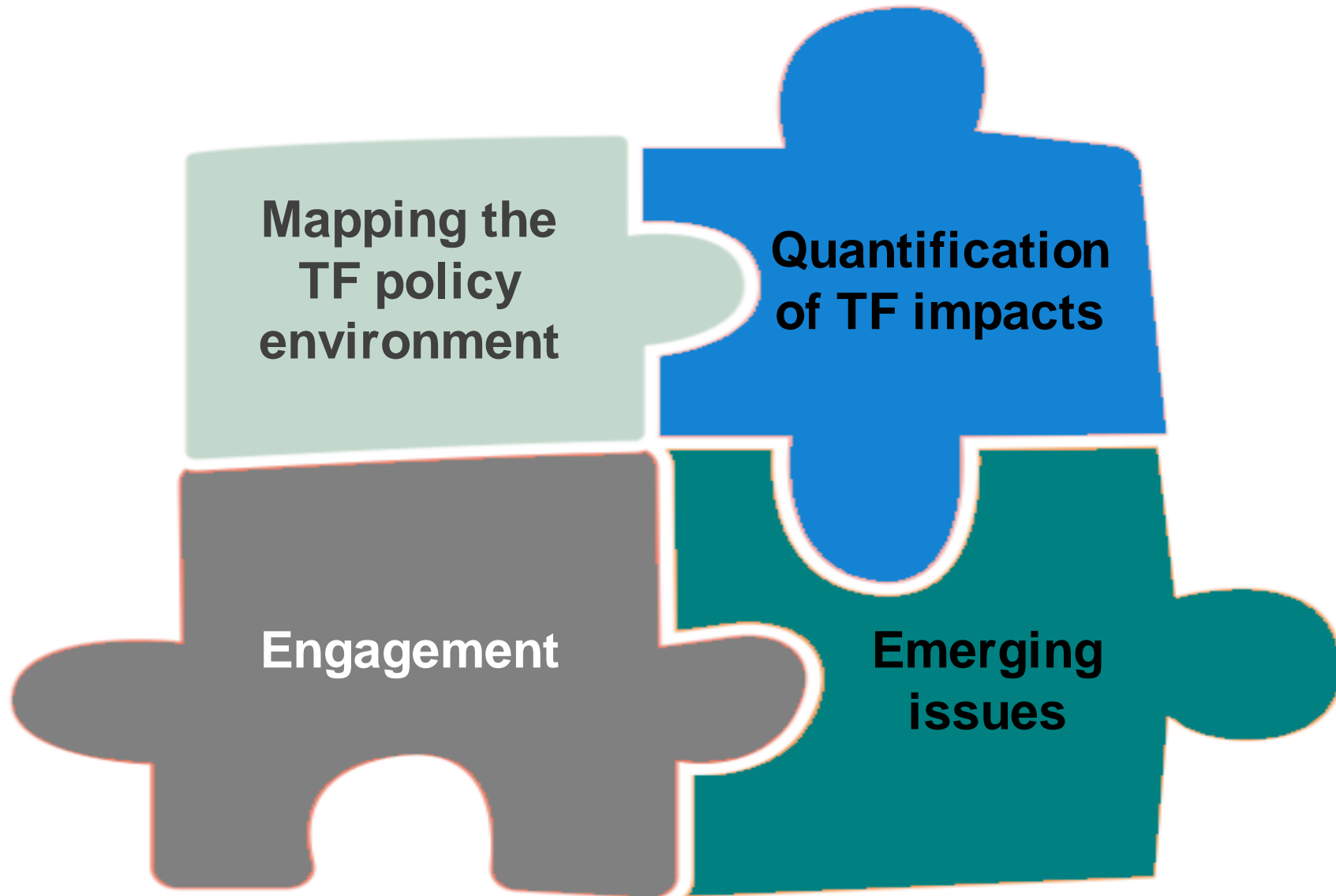
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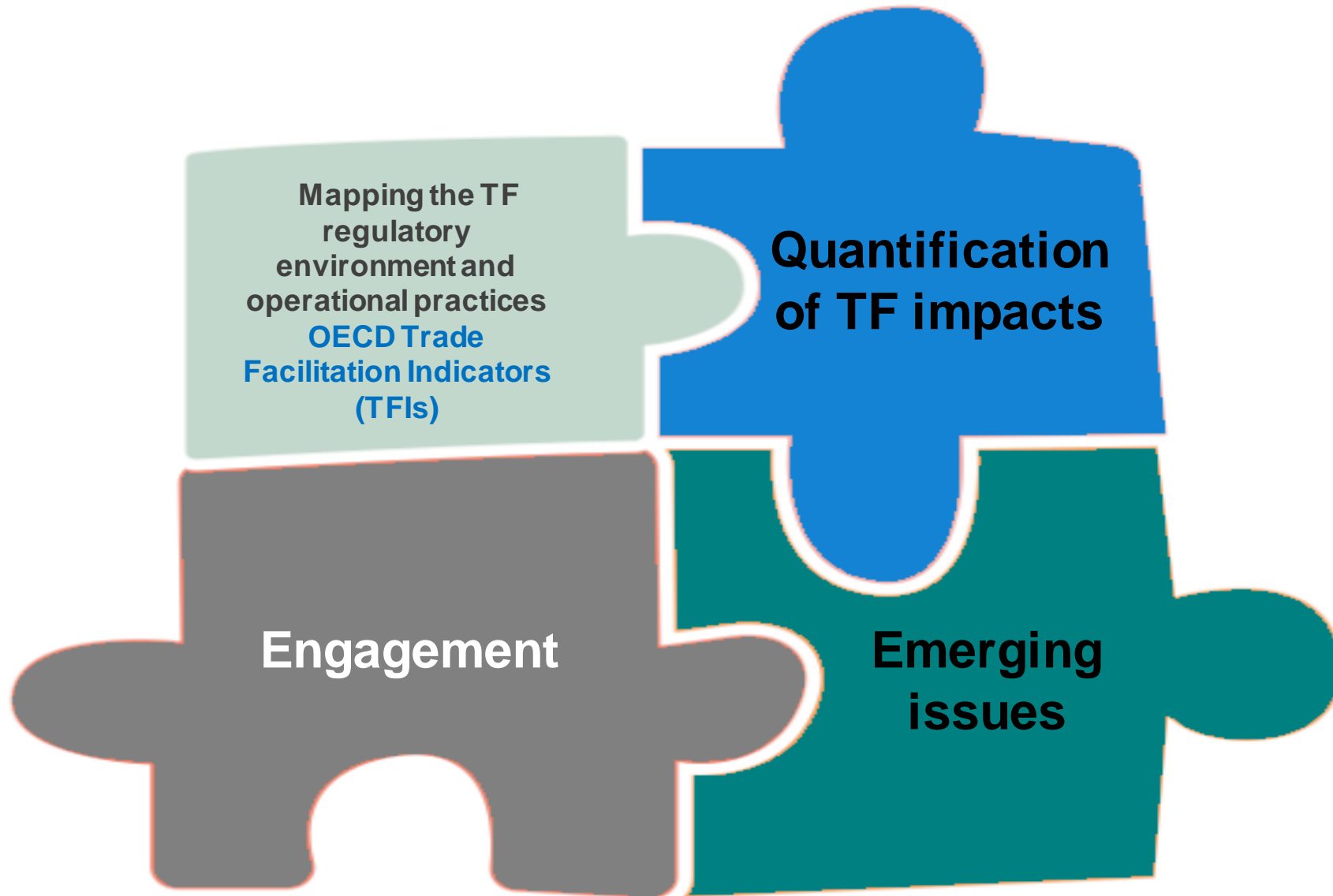


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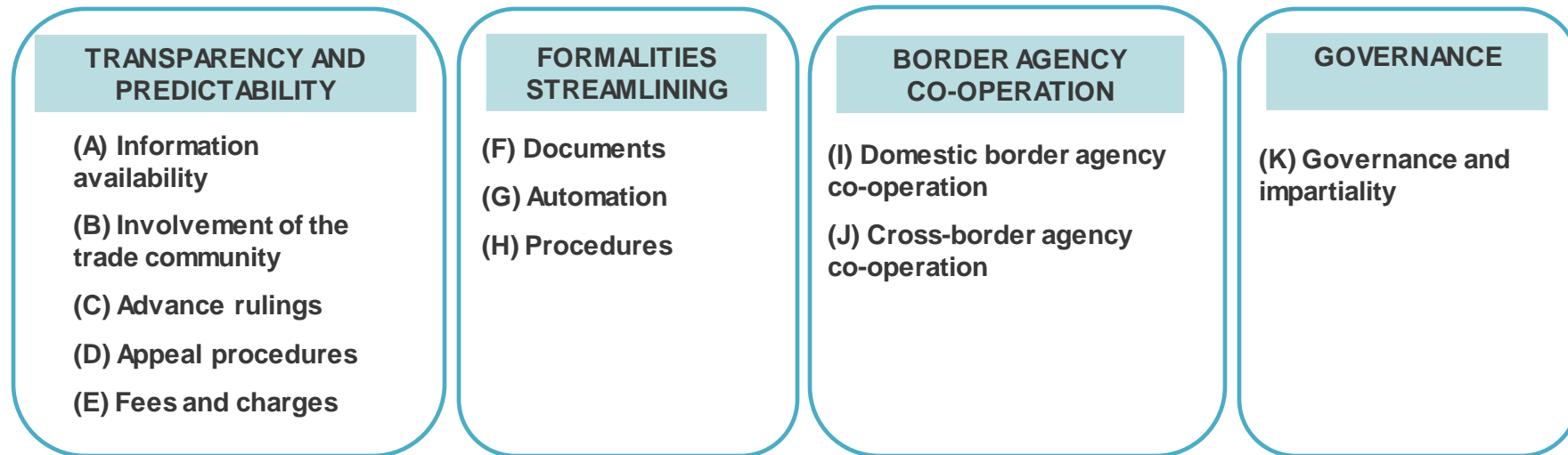
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OECD Trade Facilitation Indicators (TFIs) dataset

- policy tools: 11 policy areas & 155 measures (full spectrum of border procedures) & 160+ economies & 5 years, since 2012 (currently updating 2024)

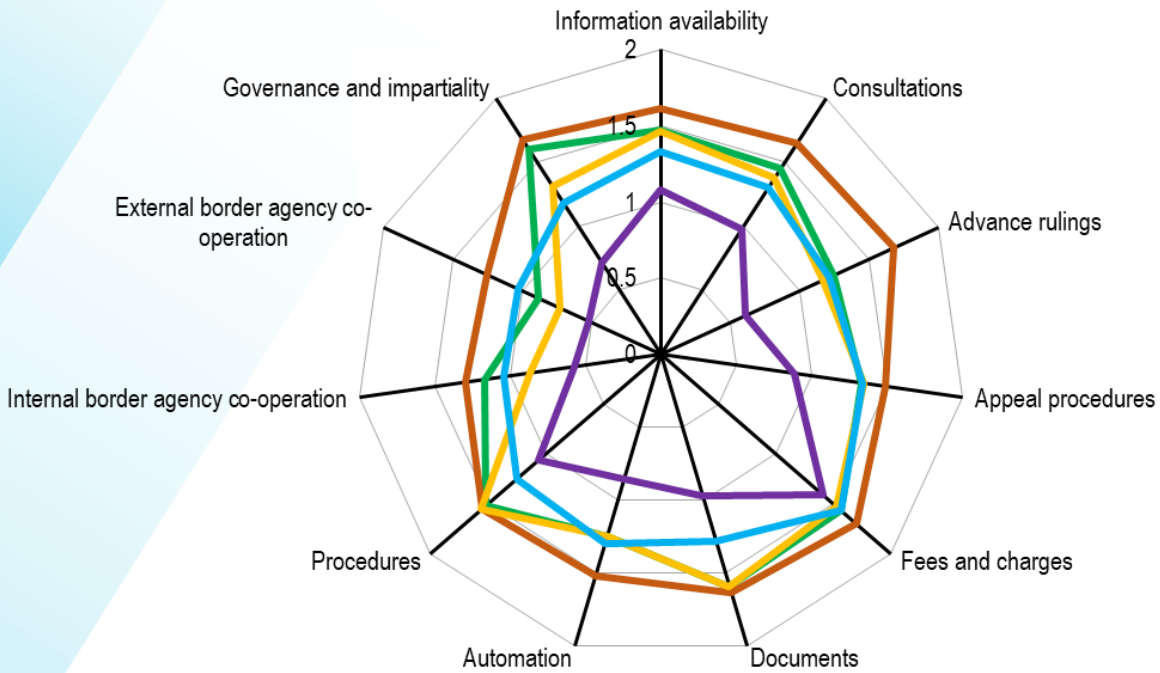


- strongly linked to the policy areas covered by the [WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement](#)
- variables seek to reflect **both** the [regulatory framework](#) and delve to the extent possible into the [state of implementation](#) of trade facilitation measures

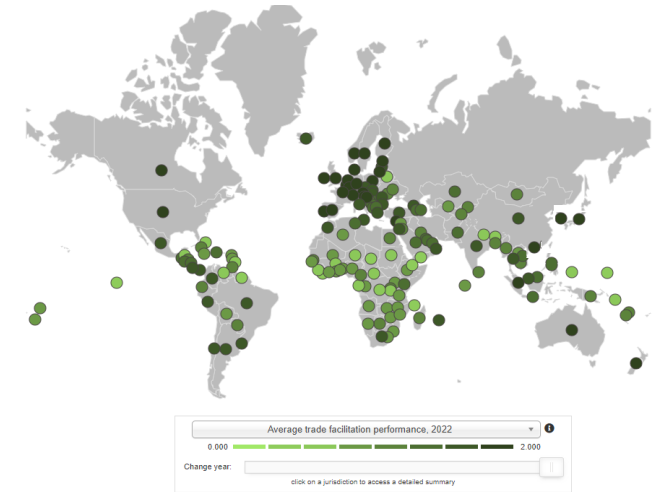


Mapping the TF regulatory environment and operational practices: **OECD Trade Facilitation Indicators (TFIs)**

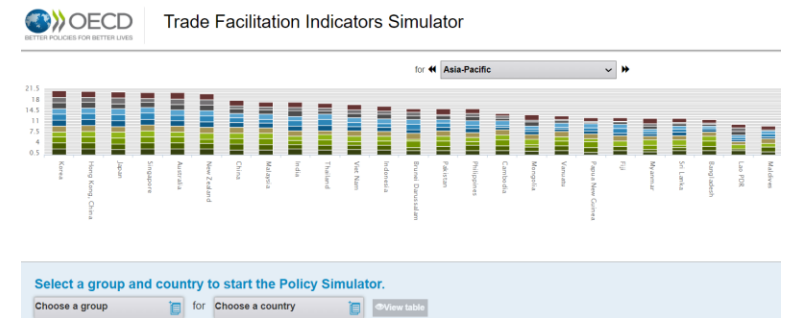
- Asia-Pacific
- Middle East and North Africa
- Europe and Central Asia
- Sub-Saharan Africa
- Latin America and the Caribbean



TFIs Compare your Country

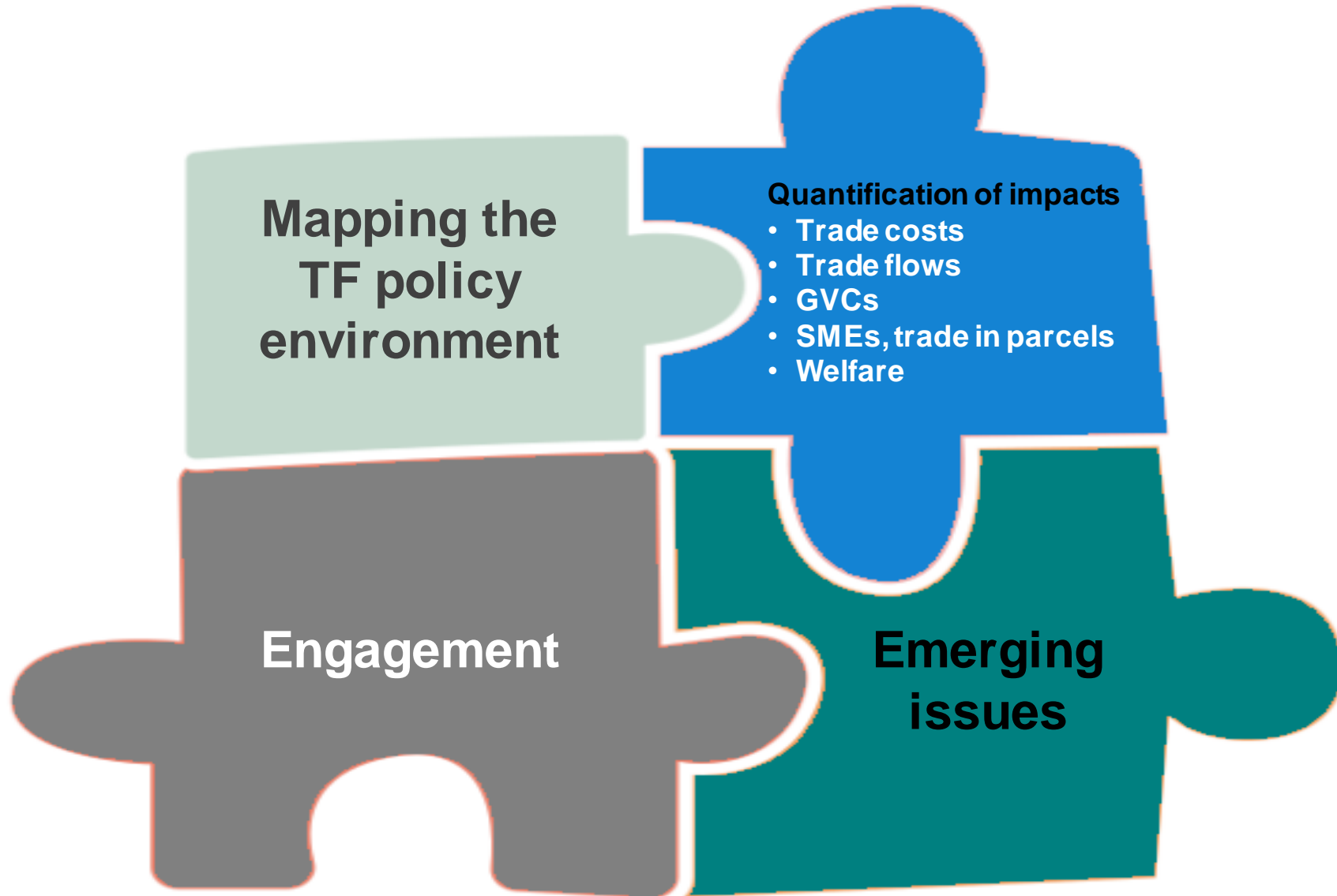


TFIs Policy Simulator





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Trade costs impacts: Where do we stand and looking ahead

a. Income groups

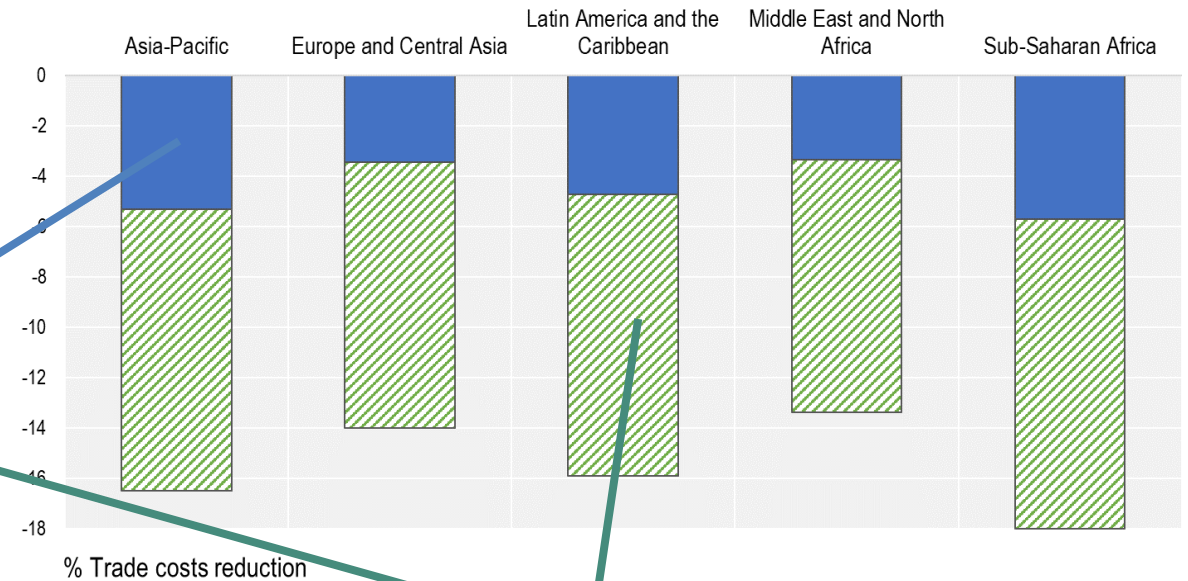
■ Trade cost reduction observed ▨ Gap with potential reduction from full reform implementation worldwide



impacts associated to TF reforms so far

b. Regional groups

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impacts associated to continuing improving TF

Note: Using UN ESCAP – World Bank Trade Costs database.

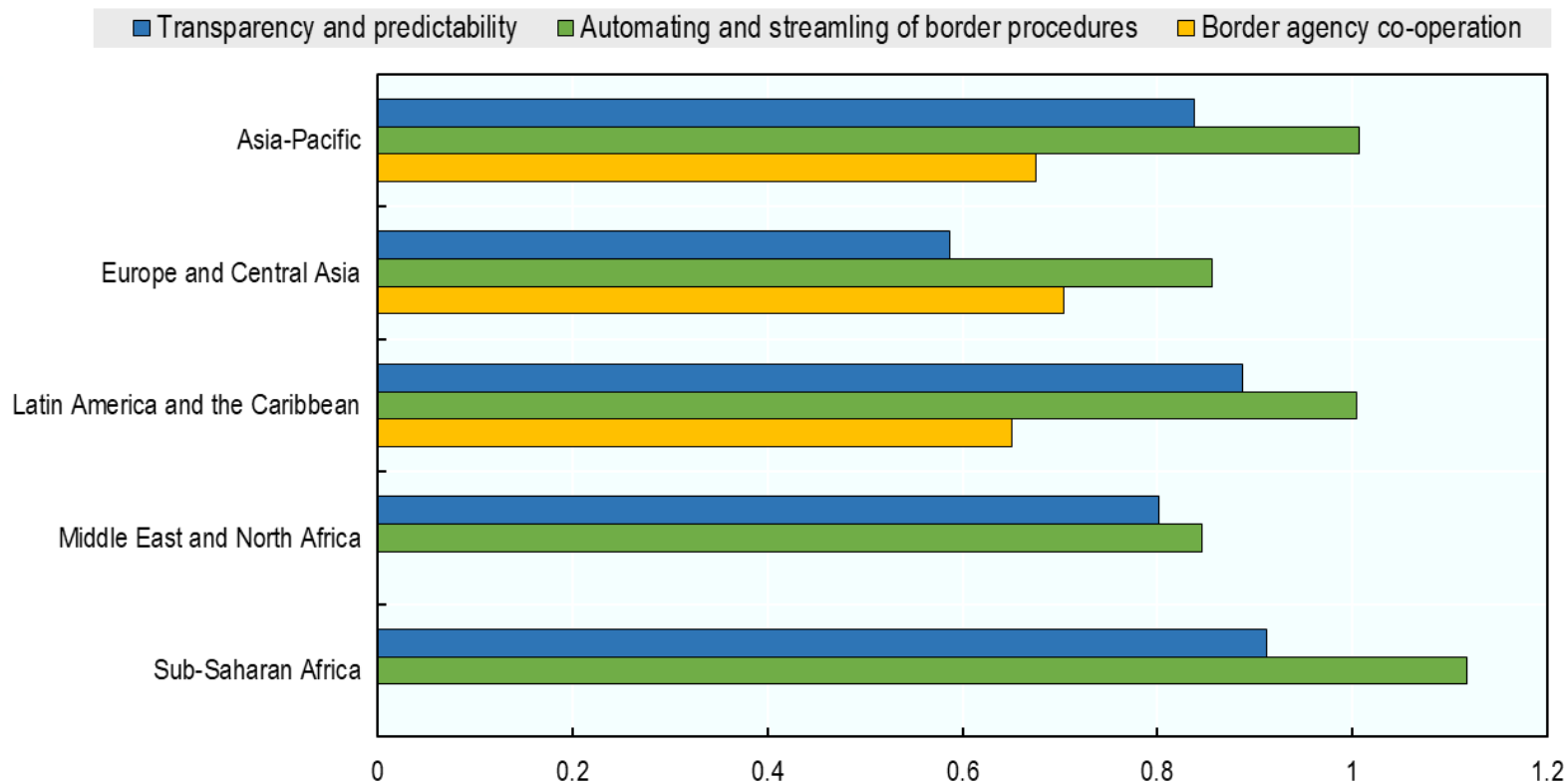
Source: OECD (forthcoming), *The evolving contribution of trade facilitation policies to enhancing trade flows*.



Automating and streamlining border procedures have been contributing most to enhancing trade worldwide

Elasticity of trade facilitation policies on trade flows, by sets of measures and income groupings

Regional groups

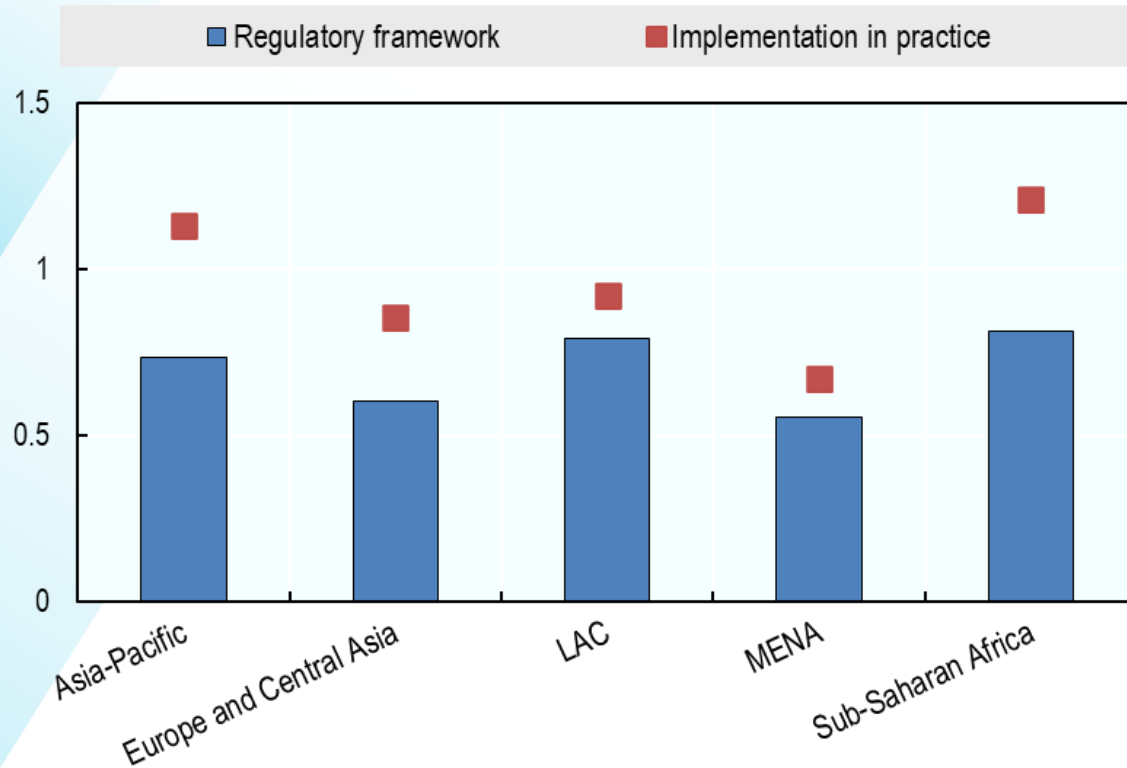


Note: The 11 TFIs grouped by area. Coefficients of TFI variables interacted with the border dummy. The sets of measures are introduced separately in the regressions. The figure shows the effects of measures for which coefficients are statistically significant (i.e., border agency co-operation is not statistically significant for low-income, low er-middle income, high-income non-OECD economies, MENA and Sub-Saharan Africa regions)Using trade data fromUSITC ITPD-E database version 2.

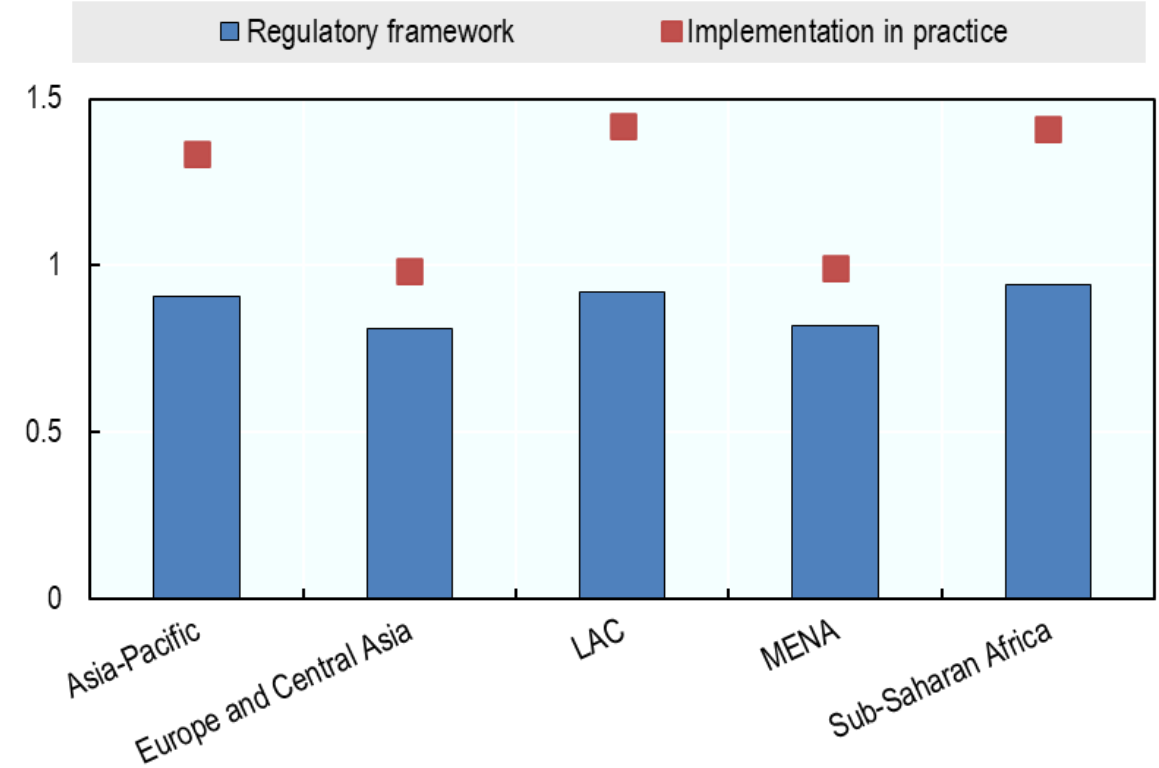


Improvements in **operational practices** appear to matter most going forward

a. Transparency and predictability measures



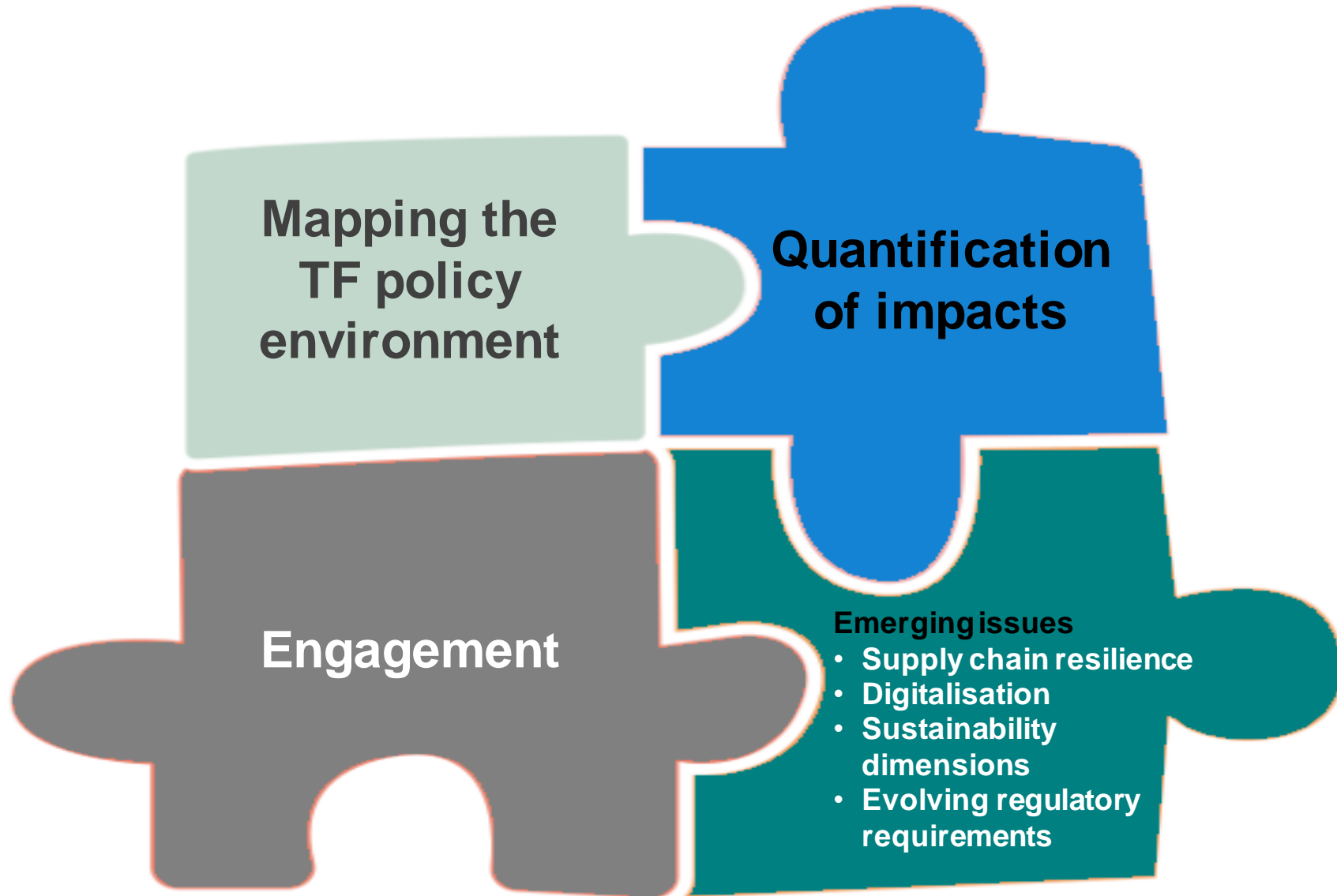
b. Automation and streamlining border processes



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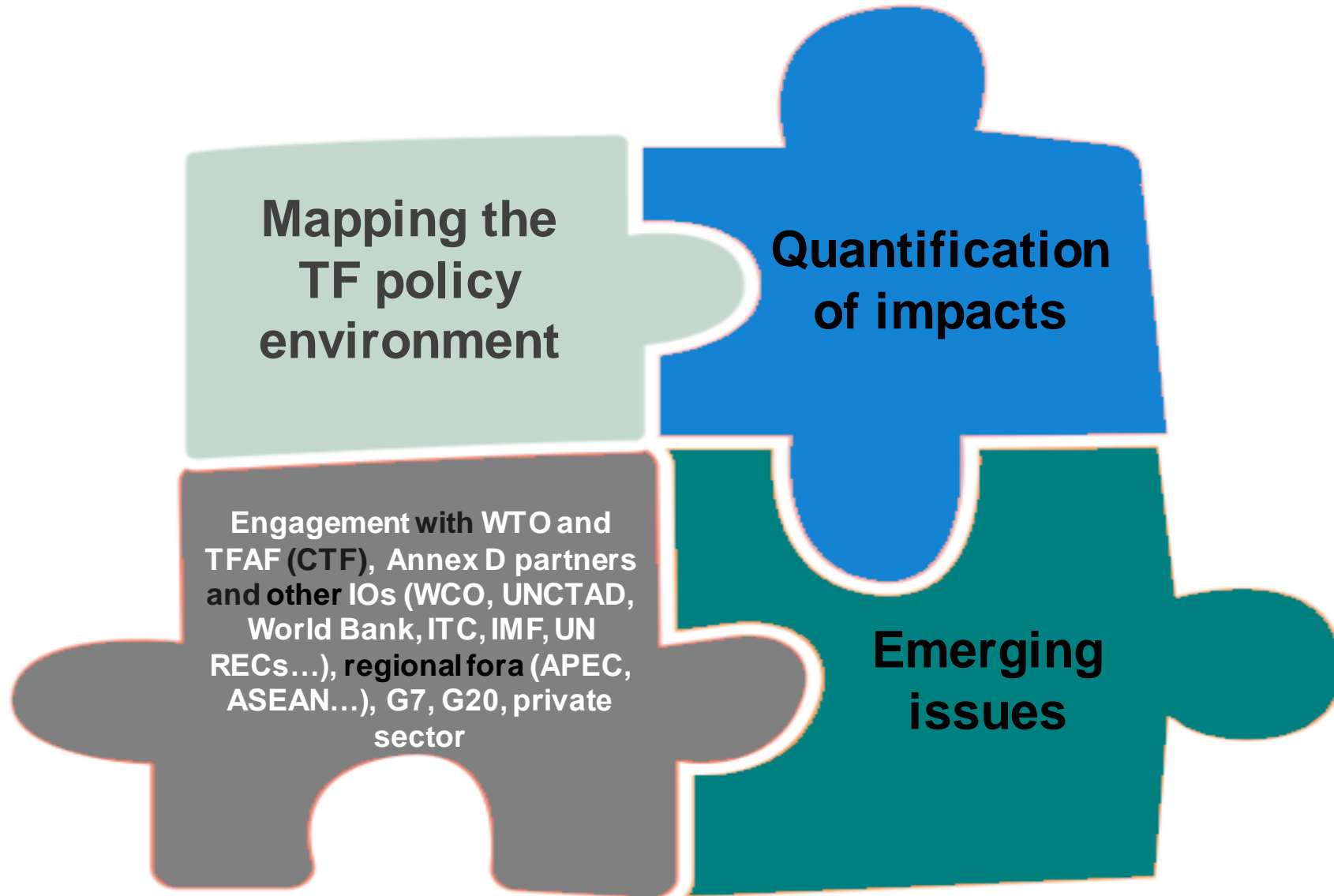


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Engagement

Regular engagement with Annex D partner organisations – incl. WCO - through the WTO Committee on Trade Facilitation

- engagement on the biennial TFIs update
- trade facilitation impacts work
- thematic workshops and capacity building (transit issues, role of digitalisation etc.)
- consultations on new areas of work – digitalisation, facilitating agri-food trade, border agency co-operation, sustainability-related aspects



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