

ADVANCING AFGHAN TRADE

EU TRADE-RELATED ASSISTANCE

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The International Trade Centre (ITC) launched a trade-related assistance initiative funded by the European Union called Advancing Afghan Trade (AAT). Set in motion on 29 November 2016 in Kabul, the initiative intends to contribute to the strengthening of the country's trade capacities, with the long-term goal of helping to transform Afghanistan and its regional partners into a vibrant regional economic hub. The project will be implemented over a three-year period.

Funded by the EU, implementation of the initiative is now under way and is led by ITC in close collaboration with the Ministry of Industry and Commerce. In this tenth newsletter, we invite you to read the articles below to discover further progress made.

We look forward to sharing regular updates with all our stakeholders and garnering as much support from the community as possible, so please feel free to share this newsletter. It is our belief that the AAT will contribute to how trade can be used as a lever for economic growth, job creation, poverty reduction and enhanced regional cooperation.





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