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PROJECT INFORMATION FACTSHEET

General Information	
Title of the action	Support and Strengthening Capacity of the WTO Department of the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Azerbaijan in the WTO Accession Negotiations
Priority sector	Trade
Contracting party	DMI (France) in consortium with EKVITA (Azerbaijan).
Beneficiary	Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Azerbaijan
Duration (months) + start and end date	24 months (23.02.2018 to 22.01.2020)
EU budget (EUR)	EUR 889.000 Funded under European Neighbourhood Instrument (Annual Action Programme 2012)

Summary of the Action	
Short description of the action and its main objectives	<p>The main objective is to strengthen the trade policy of the Government of Azerbaijan and to provide support in its ongoing World Trade Organisation accession negotiations.</p> <p>Purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support the Government of Azerbaijan in the improvement of the trade related legislation and its compliance with WTO rules and the best international practices; • To assist the Government of Azerbaijan in operating the Trade Remedies Unit, namely to assist a specific department of the State Service for Antimonopoly Policy and Consumer Rights Protection (SSAPCRP) which assumed the responsibilities on trade remedies; • To provide assistance to the negotiating team of the Republic of Azerbaijan in their WTO accession negotiations on both multilateral and bilateral levels, including all stages of preparatory work and coordination with line ministries; • To strengthen the institutional capacity of the Trade Policy and WTO Department of the Ministry of Economy, in particular in preparation for the WTO accession negotiations; • To raise the public awareness of WTO and trade related issues
Location	Baku
Expected results / Results achieved	<p>Expected results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substantial progress in trade related legislative reforms and Azerbaijan's WTO accession negotiations • Necessary legislative changes have been addressed to ensure smooth preparation for accession negotiations • Trade Remedies Unit (specific department of SSAPCRP) fully functioning • Working Groups coordinated by the Trade Policy and WTO department of ME and including stakeholders, industrial sectors representatives and other interested parties have been established for the preparation for WTO accession negotiations; discussions on improvement of trade related legislation in compliance with WTO rules and other trade related, cross-cutting issues • Sustainability beyond the life of the EU project is ensured • Skills and capacity of the Ministry of Economy and line ministries on preparation for WTO accession negotiations have been strengthened • Public awareness on WTO and trade related issues has been raised



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- All WTO Agreements, including the Agreement on Trade Facilitation, have been translated into Azerbaijani and made available to the public.