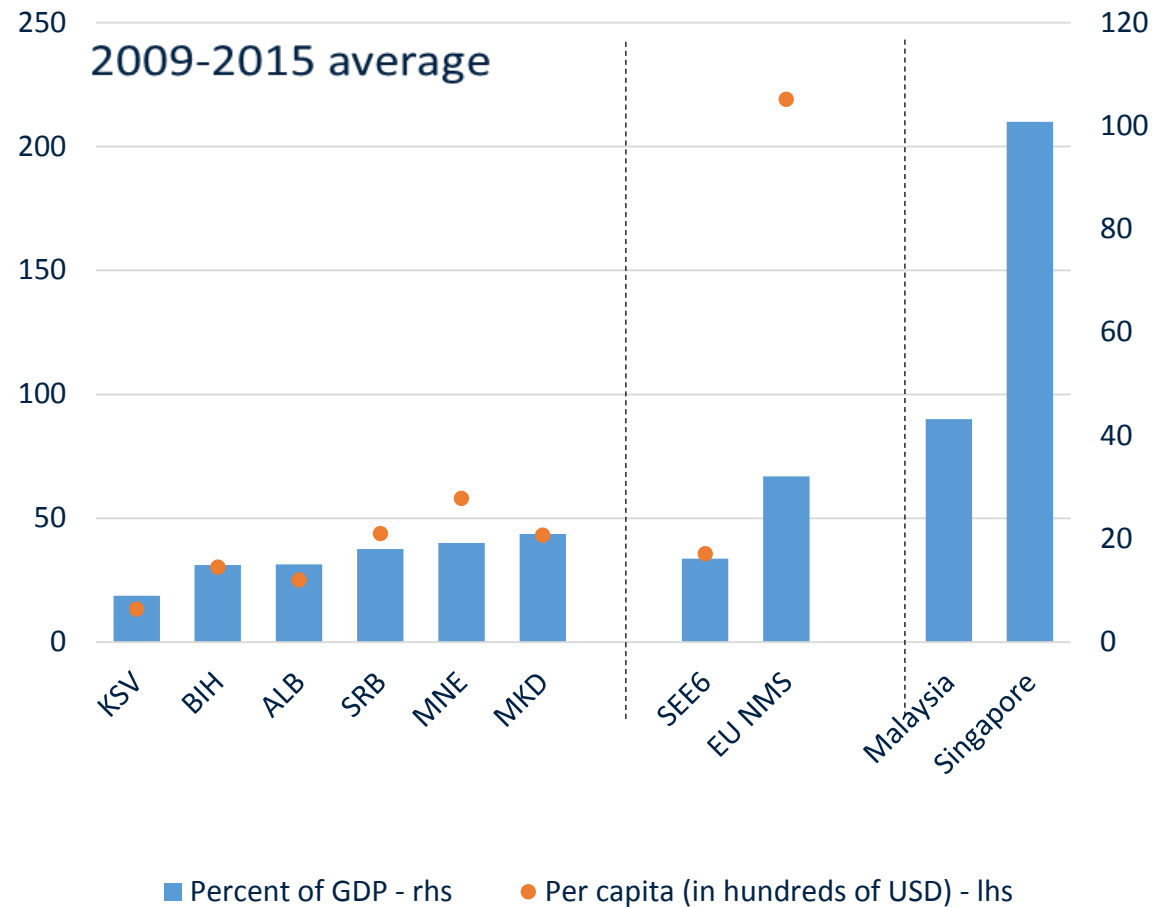


# Trade and Transport Facilitation: Regional Connectivity

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# Enhancing connectivity, facilitating trade, promoting investment

## Limited exports of goods and services



Source: World Bank.

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## poor logistics performance



Logistics Performance Index (2016)

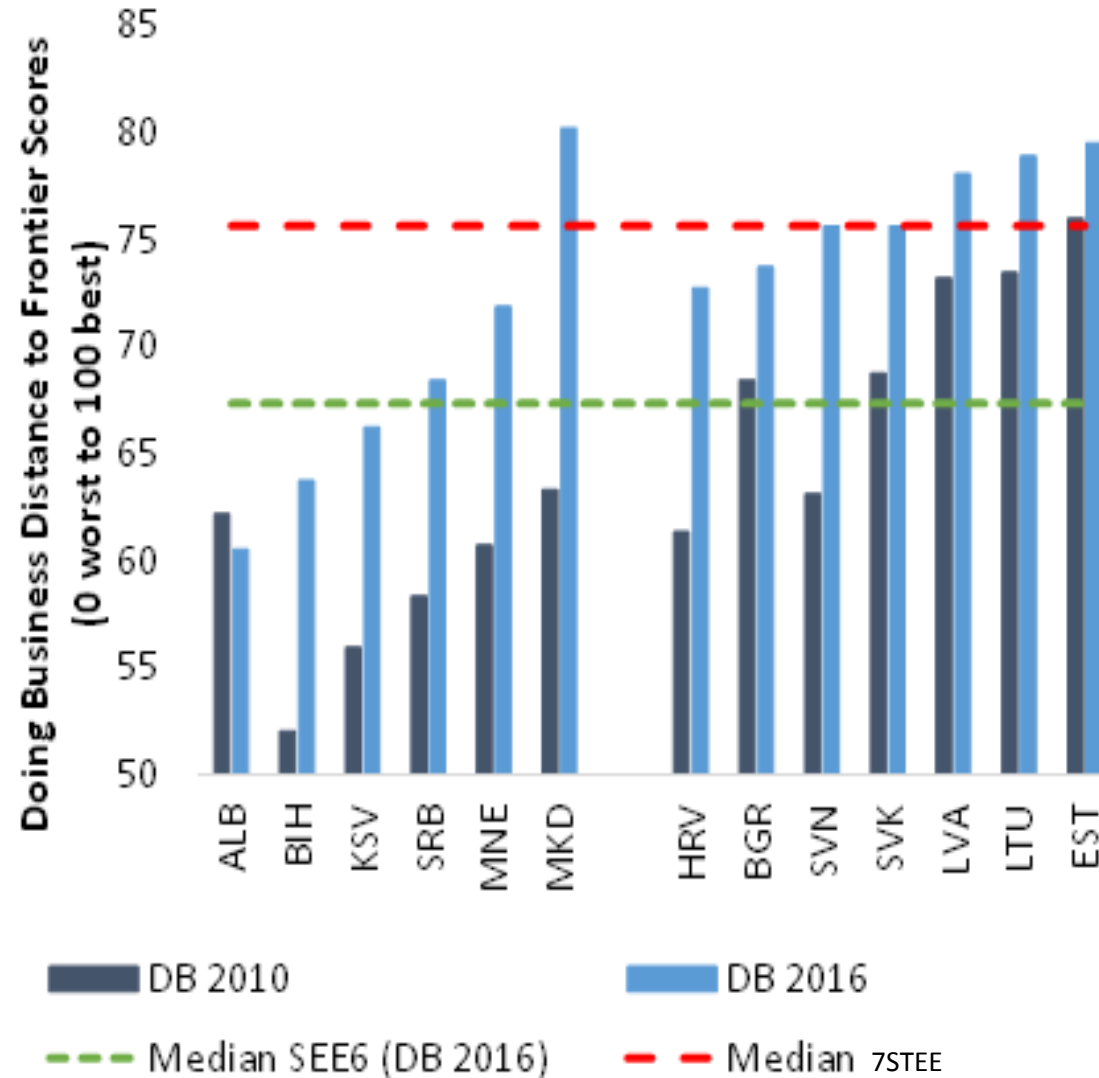
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## Weak business environment



Source: Doing Business 2016

# Trade and Transport Facilitation: a regional agenda



Joint Action Plan



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**Improving Risk Management Systems**

**Simplification of documentation and formalities for trading companies**

**Enhanced Transparency and Predictability between governments and international operators.**



# Joint Action Plan

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**Enhance the efficiency of the SEETO Comprehensive Network**

**Improving the reliability of the SEETO Transport Network.**

**Strengthen environmental sustainability of the SEETO transport network**



# Regional World Bank operation

- Removing trade and transport bottlenecks to improve trade and connectivity around key Western Balkans Trade Routes
- Addressing Policy, systems and where required investments , Trade and Transport
- Regional platform, open to all 6 Western Balkan Countries
- Coordination with Ministries of Trade, Transport / Infrastructure and Finance (Customs)
- Coordinated with SEETO and CEFTA / EU (DG Near, Connecta).
- Post Rome summit timeline





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**THANK YOU!**

