



**Environmental Goods Agreement – promoting
EU environmental objectives through trade**
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What is the SETI Alliance?



The SETI Alliance is a coalition of like-minded partners, which works towards supporting and developing initiatives to promote a scale-up of innovation, production and deployment of sustainable energy goods and services through trade.



With the integration of the AFASE Campaign and the Trade Associations in the Wind Industry the SETI Alliance represents more than 1800 European solar, wind & energy efficiency companies

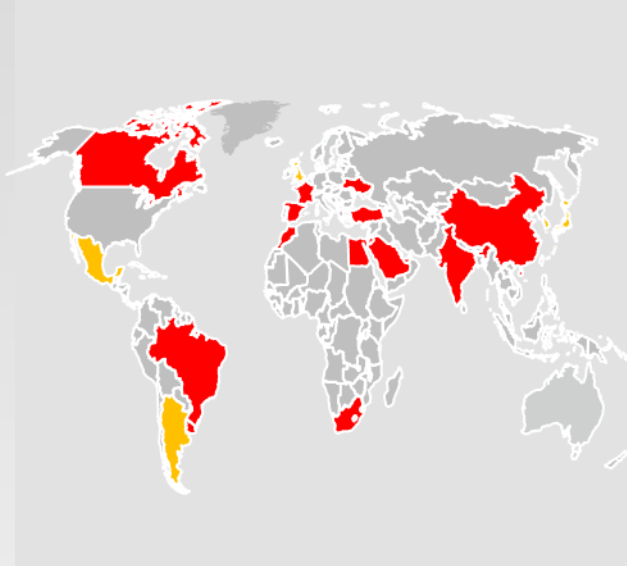


What is the problem #1 – Case from Wind Industry

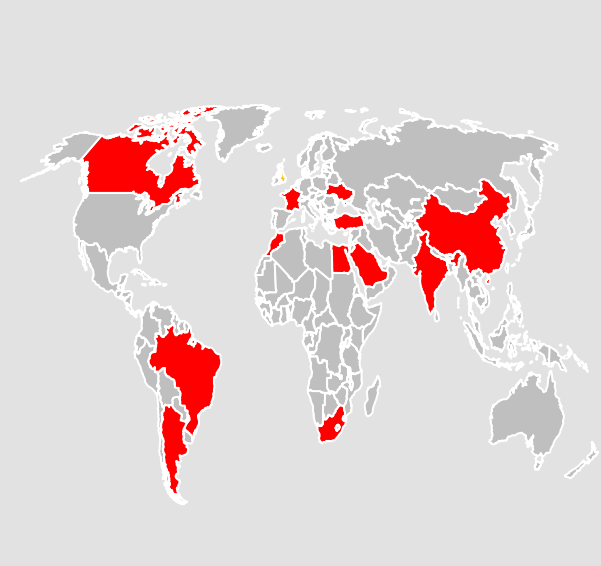
2007



2010



2014



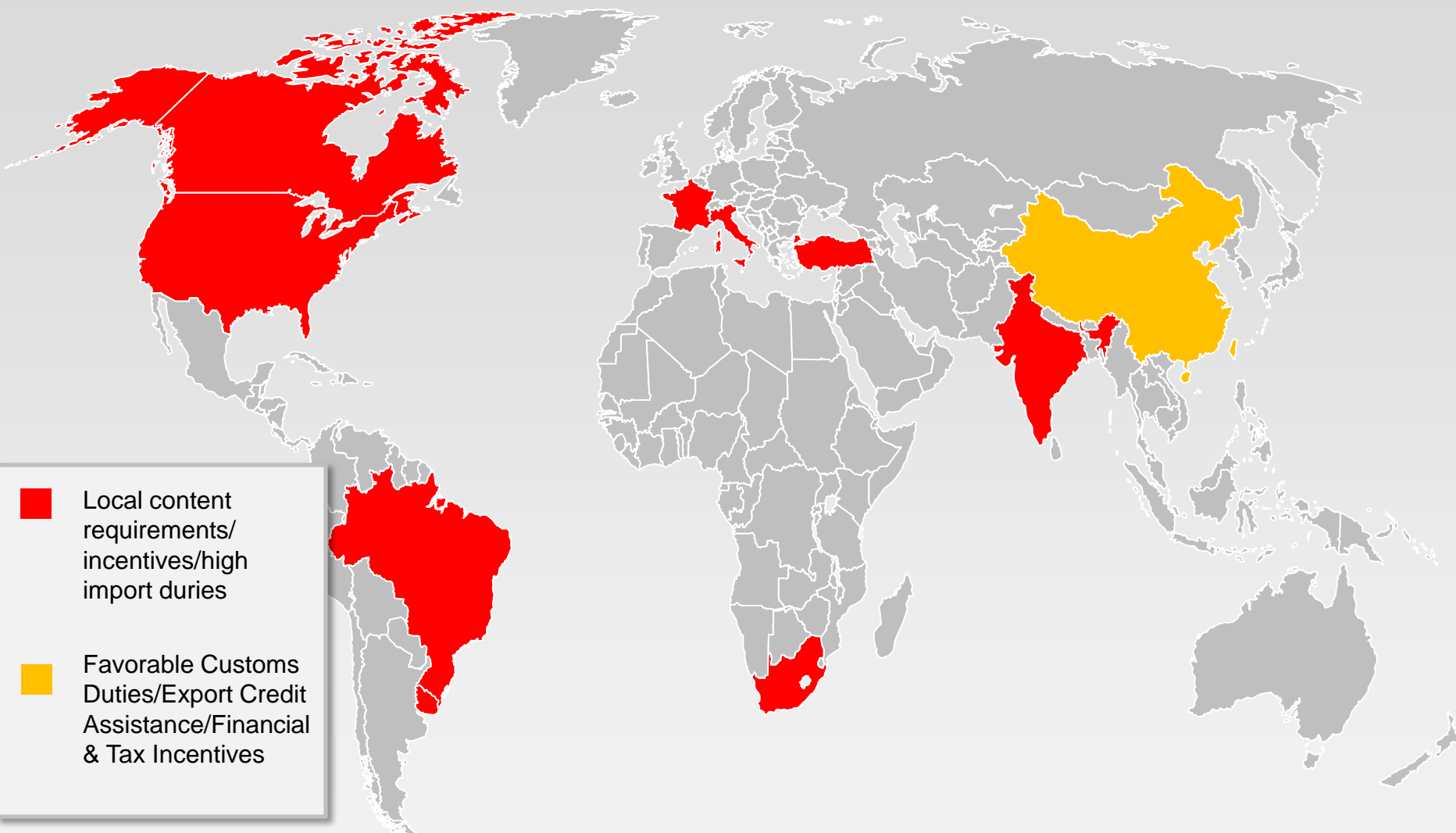
Only industrial tariffs

Informal NTB's

Increase in formal + informal NTB's

Increased green protectionism

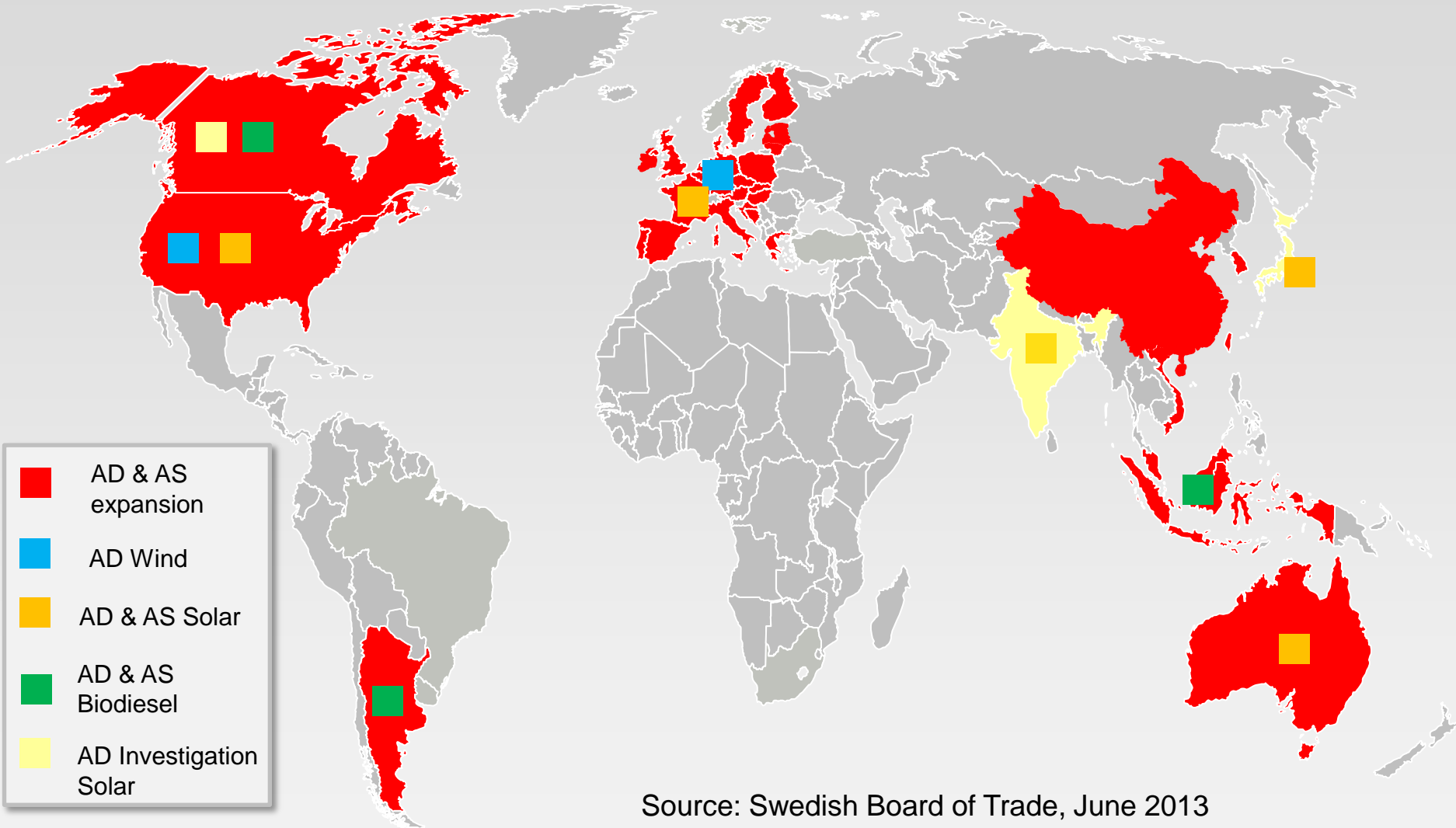
What is the problem #2 – case from Solar Industry



 Local content requirements/incentives/high import duties

 Favorable Customs Duties/Export Credit Assistance/Financial & Tax Incentives

What is the problem #3 – case of AD & CVD measures in Renewables



Source: Swedish Board of Trade, June 2013

What is the problem #3 – Evidence of trade conflicts

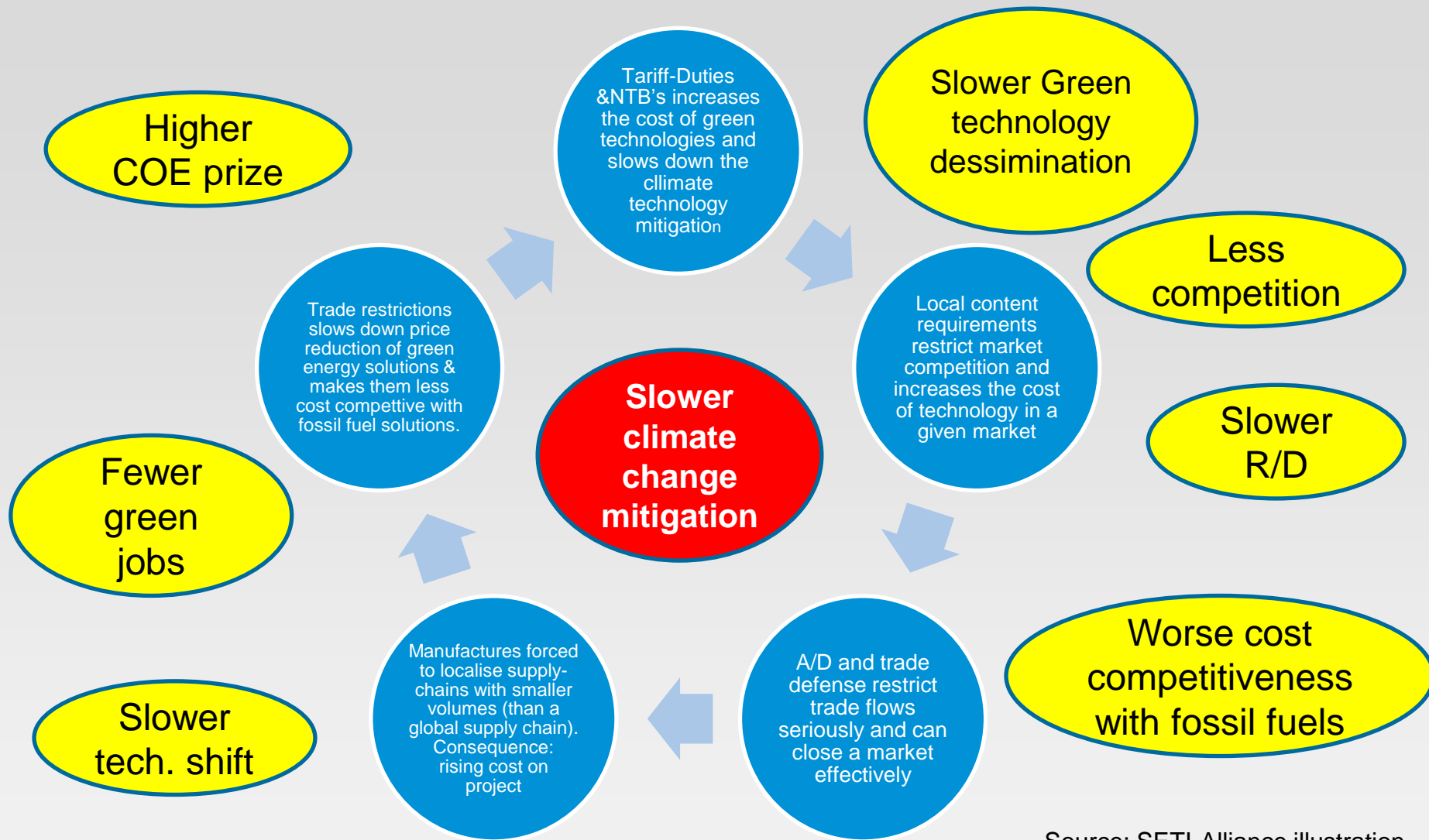
Disputes in WTO – panel cases

- *13 Sep 2010-6 May 2013, Japan and EU vs Canada, FITs and LCRs in RE Sector Ontario* (DS 412). AB ruling issued.
- *22 Dec 2010-present, China vs US, Chinese subsidies for Wind Power Equipment* (DS 419). In consultations. China ended the challenged subsidies, so the case didn't proceed further.
- *25 May 2012-present, China vs US, US imposition of CVDs on several products from China including solar panels and wind towers* (DS 437). Panel composed on 26 Nov 2012.
- *17 Aug, 2012-present. Argentina vs EU (Spain), Discriminatory and de-facto restrictive measures against biodiesel imports from Argentina.* (DS 443). In consultations.
- *5 Nov 2012-present, China vs EU, FiTs and LCRs in Italy and Greece* (DS 452). In consultations.
- *6 Feb 2013-present, US vs India, LCRs for Solar Cells and Modules in India* (DS 456). In consultations. In Feb 2014, the US filed an addendum to these consultations, as a result to India starting the next phase of its NSM.

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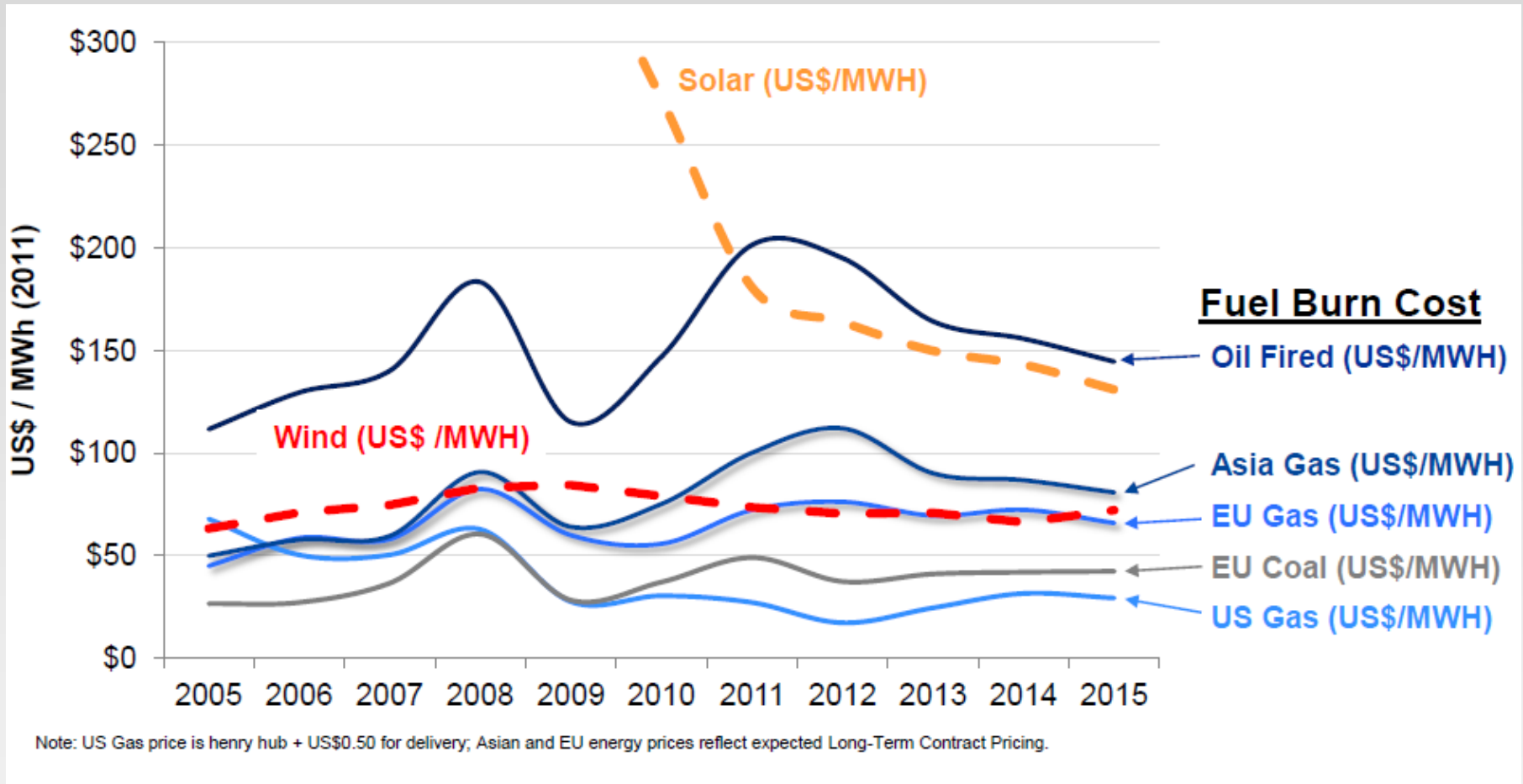
What is the impact of trade barriers to Green/Clean industry ?

Why are trade restrictions a problem for climate change?



Source: SETI-Alliance illustration

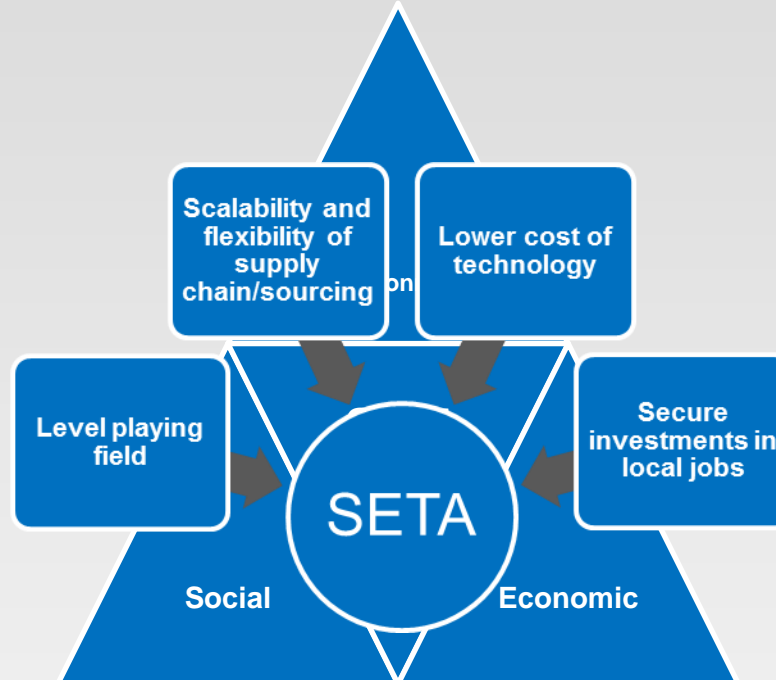
Main Challenge: Cost of energy will be decisive for the clean technology shift



Source: IHS Emerging Energy Research, 2012

Turning a negative development towards the positive Sustainable Development Triangle

Environment: Climate change mitigation, reduced pollution from fossil fuel combustion and extraction



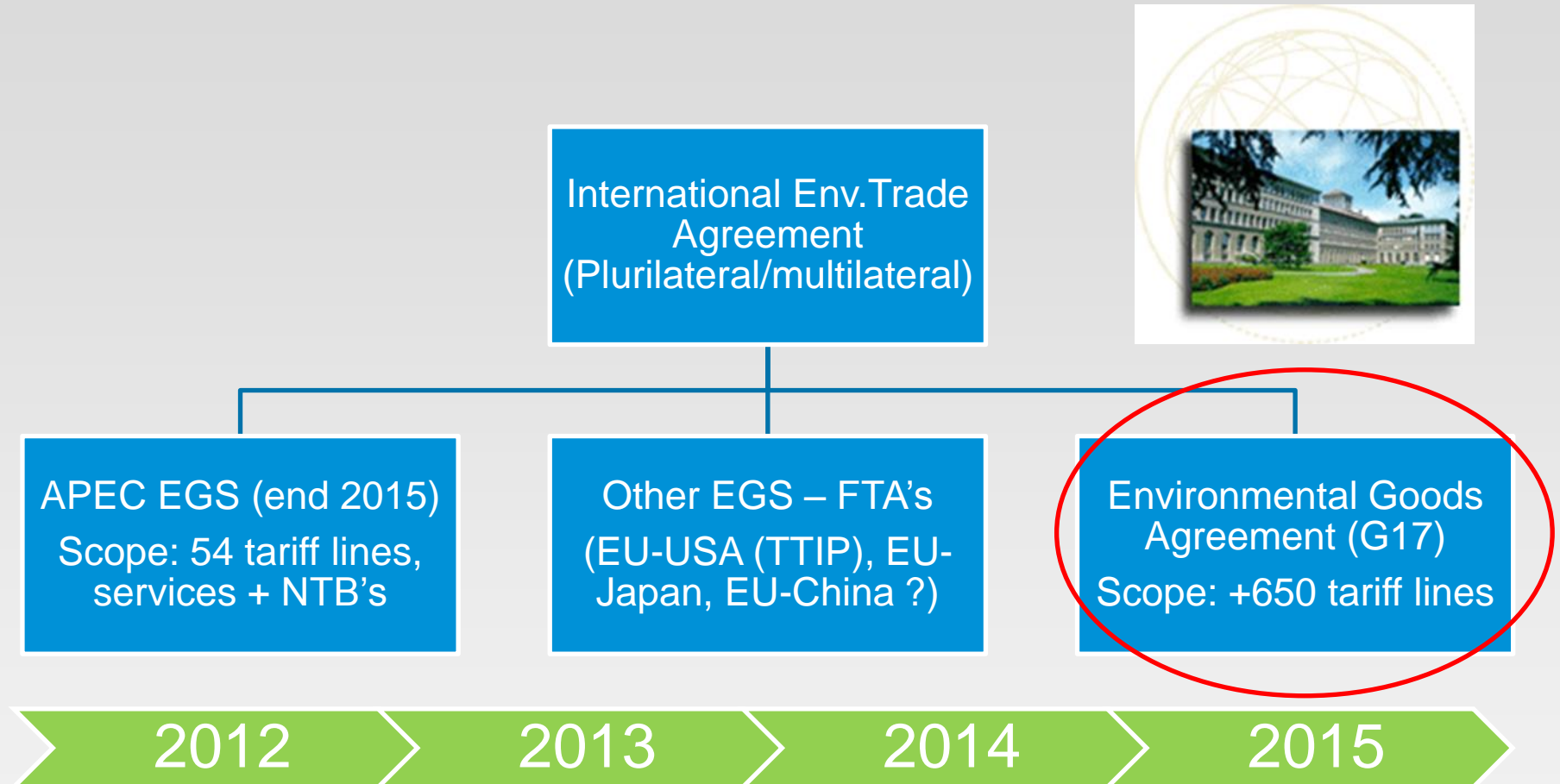
Social: More and better jobs, increased security, improved health, poverty alleviation

Economic: Green growth, competitiveness, reduced vulnerability due to reliance on fossil fuels

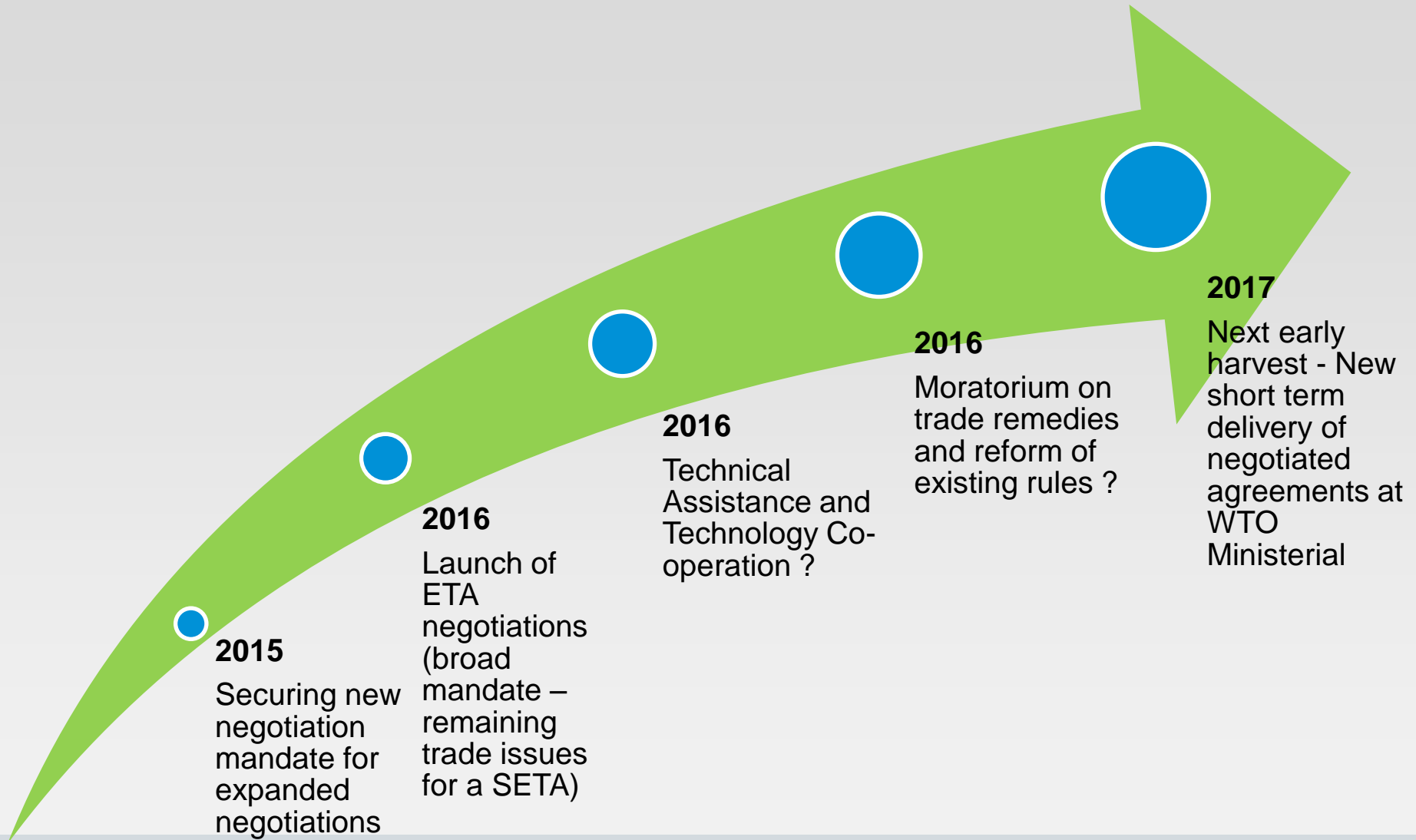
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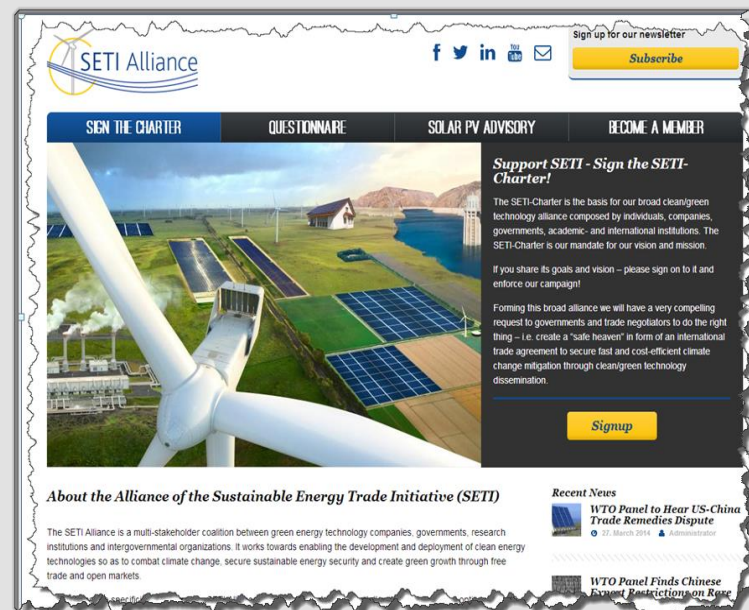
Negotiation process and stakeholder perspectives

”Building Blocks” towards an International Environmental Trade Agreement (ETA)



From EGA to ETA (Phase 2)





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