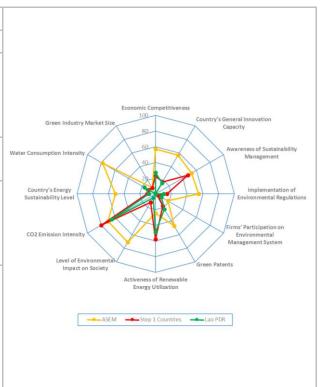
Lao PDR

	1,785	6.9 million	23:33:44	0.575 Medium	-	-	
Flag	GDP per capita	Population	Industry structure (1st:2nd:3rd)	HDI	Sustainable social index	Sustainable env. index	Geographic location





- Lao PDR's eco-innovation activity is high. However, eco-innovation capacity supporting environment and performance are low.
- Economic Competitiveness (indicator no. 1.1) and Water Consumption Intensity (indicator no. 4.4) of Lao PDR are higher than the average score of the same development state countries
- Green Industry Market Size (indicator no. 4.6) of Lao PDR is lower than the average score of the same development state countries.

Table 21 Eco-innovation Policy instruments of Lao PDR

National plan and strategy	Sustainability	■ Strategic Framework for National Sustainable Development Strategy 2008		
		■ Long-Term Strategy of Socio-Economic Development to the Year 2020		
	Eco-innovation	■ Sustainable Transport Strategy 2020		
		■ Renewable Energy Strategy to 2025		
		■ Ecotourism Action Plan 2005-201		
Programmes and actions	National	-		
	International	■ Sustainable Product Innovation Project (SPIN)		
Legislation		-		
Finance		-		
Information		_		

Laos's national strategy for the transportation and energy sector for sustainable development includes eco-innovation national strategies and vision. Laos is being supported by the international cooperation program of eco-innovation, SWITCH Asia ³². The clean production center Lao PDR (CPC-L) was constructed in cooperation with the UNIDO and is being managed by the Laos Ministry of Industry and Commerce while receiving financial support from the Swiss government. SPIN, a project of EU's SWITCH-Asia program for sustainable product innovation in Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam, aims to enhance the environmental and social quality of the products and services of its respective countries and includes marketing and branding skill trainings for the SMEs.

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³² http://www.switch-asia.eu/projects/