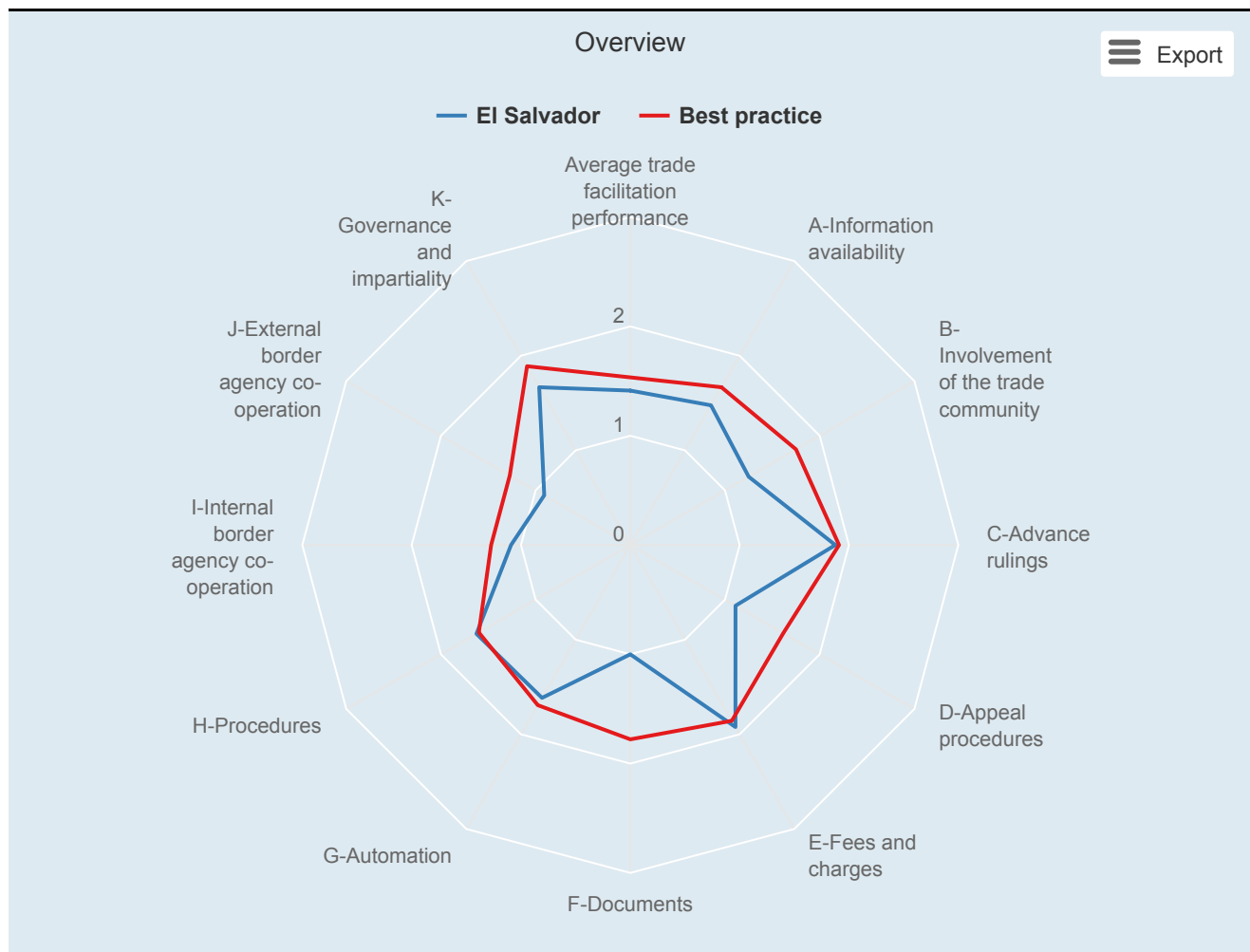


El Salvador

Trade facilitation performance

El Salvador is closest to the best performance across the sample as regards: advance rulings, fees and charges, automation, streamlining of procedures. Performance has improved since 2019 in the areas of: advance rulings, internal border agency co-operation.



Areas to improve

Summary

For the group of lower middle income countries to which El Salvador belongs, the assessment of the impact of trade facilitation measures - on bilateral trade flows and trade costs - shows that reforms with the greatest benefit are in the areas of formalities, governance and impartiality, information availability, involvement of the trade community, advance rulings and appeal procedures. Taking into account the trade flow increase and costs reduction potential of these policy areas and considering the areas where the economy has not yet reached best performance, it would benefit from continued improvements in the following:

Involvement of trade community

Further improve the provision of adequate and timely information on regulatory changes; Improve the private sector opportunity to comment prior to the introduction or amendment of trade-related regulation; Improve the inclusiveness of consultations with the private sector

Formalities - documents

Further expand the acceptance of copies of documents; Pursue efforts in view of compliance with international standards conventions; Reduce the number of trade-related documents

Formalities - automation

Promote the availability of full-time automated processing for Customs

Formalities - procedures

Advance pre-arrival processing of import documentation; Improve accelerated controls for perishable goods and preferential treatment concerning the separation of release from clearance; Expand the use of post-clearance audits; Further simplify procedures in terms of associated costs; Adjust Customs working hours to commercial needs