

TRADE RELATIONS



Official relations between Macao and the EU have been steadily built on the foundation of the Macao-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement signed in 1992. In 2014, the total bilateral trade amounted to €613

million, while EU exports to Macao amounted to €540 million as Macao's import demand increased with its robust economy. The EU was Macao's second largest import supplier after China, accounting for 24% of its import in 2014. On 23 November 2013, the EU and Macao signed the horizontal Agreement on Certain Aspects of Air Services at a ceremony witnessed by Macao Chief Executive Chui Sai On and European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso. To promote the interests and greater visibility of EU firms, the Macao-European Chamber of Commerce was launched in November 2013.

MACAO INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION FORUM AND FAIR

Through the Macao International Environmental Cooperation Forum and Fair (MIECF), the European Chamber of Commerce shares its green technologies and expertise in order to advance environmental cooperation. The joint EU pavilion at this event gives greater visibility to the environmental policy of the European Union and provides a good networking platform to enhance the European business links. In accordance with the EU Office's mission to promote environmentally friendly policies, the EU works with Macao to improve resource utilisation and find a balance between economic development and environmental protection.



EDUCATION

European Union Academic Programme

<http://europe.umac.mo>



The Macao EU Academic programme, co-funded by the European Union, started its activities in December 2012. The EUAP Macao is led by the University of Macau in collaboration with the Institute of European Studies of Macau. The EUAP encourages greater awareness and knowledge of the EU through support for EU-focused curriculum development and research, outreach activities and academic links.

Model EU Summit Macao



The EUAP organised the second Model EU Summit on 22 and 23 November 2014. The event attracted 56 undergraduate and master's students from almost all institutions of tertiary education in the region. The participants played the roles of leaders of the EU member states, advocated and defended their positions, and reached agreement on the Ukrainian crisis on the first day, and measures aimed at tackling the spreading of the Ebola virus on the first day and the Syrian crisis on the second day.

Erasmus Mundus and Erasmus Plus

<http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus>

Erasmus Mundus, a cooperation and mobility programme in the field of higher education, has been



recently integrated to the Erasmus Plus programme. It enhances the quality of higher education and promotes dialogue and understanding between Europe and the rest of the world. Erasmus Plus offers new partnerships and even more generous scholarships for individuals to study in Europe. All student scholarships cover tuition fees, travel and living expenses in Europe for the full duration of the course.

ABOUT THE EU OFFICE TO HONG KONG AND MACAO

The European Union Office to Hong Kong and Macao was established in 1993. The EU Office mission is to represent the EU political and economic interests in Hong Kong and Macao. The EU Office continues to increase knowledge and information about EU policies through public diplomacy efforts, dialogue meetings and development of academic exchanges and people-to-people contacts.



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EU Quick Facts

THE EU HAS 28 MEMBER STATES

- 1957** Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg and the Netherlands
- 1973** Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom
- 1981** Greece
- 1986** Portugal and Spain
- 1995** Austria, Finland and Sweden
- 2004** Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia
- 2007** Bulgaria and Romania
- 2013** Croatia



28 Member States

Combined Population of the EU Member States **508 million**

7 Percent of World Population

Combined Worldwide Official Development Assistance **€58 billion**

24 Percent of Global GDP

EU Priorities

EUROPE 2020 STRATEGY: SMART, SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH

<http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020>



The European Union's Europe 2020 strategy puts innovation and green growth at the heart of its blueprint for competitiveness. Key elements are: raising investments in education, research and innovation through the new Horizon 2020 programme, cutting greenhouse gas emissions by 20% and source 20% of its energy needs from renewable sources, and putting a strong emphasis on job creation and poverty reduction.



FREEDOM, PEACE AND STABILITY

http://ec.europa.eu/news/eu_explained/121012_en.htm



Human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights are the core values on which the European Union is founded.

In 2012, the European Union was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, in recognition of its work on reconciliation, democracy, promotion of human rights and in enlarging the area of peace and stability across the continent. The EU's priorities for 2020 focus on progress towards the European area of freedom, justice and security, covering a wide range of issues such as citizens' rights, asylum and security.

The EU in the World

THE WORLD'S BIGGEST TRADING BLOCK

<http://ec.europa.eu/trade>

The EU is the world's biggest trader and its currency, the Euro, comes second only to the US dollar in international financial markets. Despite the recent economic and financial challenges, the EU's economy remains the largest in the world.

THE EURO

Today 19 EU Member States are part of the Eurozone: Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia and Spain. More than 337 million Europeans use the Euro.



THE WORLD'S LARGEST AID DONOR

<http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid>



The EU is collectively the biggest donor in the world, spending €58.2 billion in 2014 on helping the most vulnerable people on the planet and advancing development globally. The overarching objective of EU development policy is the eradication of poverty in the context of sustainable development.

The EU and Macao

ABOUT THE EUROPEAN UNION – MACAO RELATIONS

In 2013, the EU and Macao celebrated the 20th anniversary of the entry into force of the Agreement for Trade and Cooperation. The highlight of the anniversary was the visit of the President



of the European Commission José Manuel Barroso on 23 November 2013. On this occasion, President Barroso met Macao Chief Executive Chui Sai On and other members of the SAR government. The 20th anniversary celebration was also marked by the 19th European Union-Macao Joint Committee meeting held in Macao on 15 July 2014 co-chaired by Ms. Florinda da Rosa Silva Chan, Secretary for Administration and Justice. Since the Agreement's entry into force, a broad portfolio of cooperation has been developed in areas ranging from legal affairs to education, research, culture, creative industries and environmental protection.

