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Singapore

Priorities

Enhance cooperation with Singapore through the upcoming Partnership and Cooperation Agreement and Free Trade Agreement.

Forge a strong relationship with Singapore, ASEAN and the region as a whole.

Top 3 Facts

Singapore is a high income country with a **GDP growth of 4.1 % (2013)**.

More than 10.400 EU companies are established in Singapore.

The EU currently represents 9.9 % of Singapore's total trade in goods, making it the country's third largest trading partner after the People's Republic of China and Malaysia.

The EU-Singapore Free Trade Agreement (FTA) was initialised on 20 September 2013. It is the first "green" FTA that the EU has ever negotiated and only the second one in Asia after the Republic of Korea.

The EU-Singapore Partnership and Cooperation Agreement was initialised in Singapore on 14 October 2013. It will strengthen political dialogue and set the framework for cooperation in a broad range of areas, such as education, transport, energy, as well as science and technology.

Did you know?

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Singapore remains the world's busiest port by vessel arrival tonnage and with a record 32.6 million containers (2013), the second busiest port after Shanghai by total cargo. The maritime sector contributes 7% of Singapore's economic output and employs more than 170,000 people. In air traffic, London-Singapore is the most used passenger connection between Europe and ASEAN.

The European Union Film Festival is the second longest-running international film festival in Singapore. The 2014 edition is already the 24th.

EU Centre in Singapore, established in 2008, is the only such institution in South-East Asia. It is strategically located to promote awareness and understanding of the EU's functioning and policies and to foster exchange on issues of mutual interest such as regional integration and mutual perceptions.

The Singapore Sling, an alcoholic cocktail, was invented ca. 1915 at the historic Raffles Hotel. To this day, it is served there at The Long Bar.





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