

Framework Participation Agreement

On 17 October 2019, the European Union and Vietnam signed a **Framework Participation Agreement** that will facilitate Vietnam's participation in and contribution to the **EU's Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) missions and operations**. This Agreement is the 19th of its kind and the 4th that the EU has concluded in the Asia Pacific region, after New Zealand, Australia, and the Republic of Korea. The Framework Participation Agreement confirms the EU's and Vietnam's shared commitment to **contribute to peace and security** in their neighbourhoods and the wider world, as well as to **safeguarding the rules-based, multilateral order.**

STEPPING UP COOPERATION ON SECURITY AND DEFENCE

The Agreement will provide the **general framework for Vietnam's participation in the EU's 16 current or any future civilian and military missions and operations**, which are deployed in accordance with the principles of the United Nations Charter. The EU's decision making autonomy to open a mission or an operation to the participation of non-EU countries, and Vietnam's autonomyto accept the invitation and offer its contribution are fully preserved.



Vietnam will also be able to:

- Improve its access to relevant **EU training and capacity building** activities
- Enhance its cooperation with UN Peace Keeping Organisations through its engagement in EU missions and operations
- Exchange information with the EU in the framework of CSDP missions and operations
- Establish regular consultations with the EU on security and defence.











