

Europe and Asia for our planet

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The EU is a global leader in climate action. Since 1990, it has cut greenhouse gas emissions by 31% while still growing its economy. The **European Green Deal**: reaching climate neutrality by 2050, protecting and restoring biodiversity and promoting the transition to a clean and circular economy. The EU:

- Is the biggest donor of climate finance - more than \$25 billion in 2020, half of which was dedicated to climate adaptation;
- Works closely with developing countries and emerging economies to facilitate their transition to climate neutrality.

The EU will build Green Alliances and Partnerships with partner countries and regions and will step up international action and support for a green transition. At COP26 #Team Europe mobilised €783 million for **green infrastructure to boost economic recovery** in ASEAN countries. EU and ASEAN hold regular **high-level dialogues on the environment and climate change**. Protecting the environment is a key priority for **ASEM**, in particular global ocean governance and sustainable blue growth.

EU global programmes and facilities in Asia



The **Global Climate Change Alliance Plus**.
The EU flagship initiative for climate vulnerable countries with over 80 programmes GCCA+ in Asia: 9 countries, 16 national programmes €89 million



The **EU Facility for Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT)** works in seven Asian countries.



Development Smart Innovation through Research in Agriculture supporting research and innovation projects in Asia



Promoting **Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP)** across 24 countries, with more than 130 grant projects funded and technical support provided to national governments.

Strategic Partnerships for the Implementation of the Paris Agreement (SPIPA)

The SPIPA programme encourages and assists non-European major economies in progressing toward the Paris Agreement goals. SPIPA is present in 8 Asian countries.



SPIPA

Main priorities



Green recovery



Climate action



Biodiversity protection



Disaster preparedness

The EU invests in **early warning systems**, monitoring and building national and local capacities for response. The European Commission's Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO) department has been present in **the region since 1994**.



ASEM for the environment

Asia-Europe Meeting

Protecting the environment and fighting climate change is a key priority for ASEM, the ASEM Customs Action Plan 2020/2021, for example, envisages enhanced customs cooperation on dangerous substances and waste shipments.

Ongoing action

ASEM Water Resources Research and Development Center

Combines the resources of ASEM member countries in the field of water resources research and utilisation.

ASEM SMEs Eco-Innovation Center (ASEIC)

Promotes cooperation on green growth in Europe and Asia, enhancing eco-innovation of small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) in both regions.

"We need to build back our world better and greener, with a recovery that benefits all our peoples."

Josep Borrell

EU High representative ahead of the 13th ASEM Summit



As a strategic partner, the EU cooperates with the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and its Member States through initiatives and projects for green recovery, climate resilience and environmental protection.

EU-ASEAN for the environment

Ongoing action

ASEAN Catalytic Green Finance Facility (ACGF)

€865 million in loans from co-financing partners launched in 2019

ASEAN Farmers' Organisation Support Programme (AFOSP)

launched in 2015

Projects

EU Support to Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre)

€11 million – 2018-2025

Sustainable use of Peat Lands and Haze Mitigation (SUPA)

€20 million from the EU & €4 million from Germany – 2019-2023

Biodiversity Conservation Management of Protected Areas

€10 million – 2016-2021



EU and Asian Cities for Climate



The EU co-funds the largest global alliance for city climate leadership across the globe

www.globalcovenantofmayors.org

An EU-funded initiative helping European companies to establish long-lasting business collaborations in Asia, with an eye to green business.

Green Energy Technologies

Environment & Water Technologies

Clean Technologies

Organic Food & Beverage



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The EU-Asia Fora project promotes the EU's role in international fora. These include ASEM (Asia-Europe Meeting), the major political platform linking Asia and Europe since 1996, ASEAN, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and ARF, the ASEAN Regional Forum.