



EU ASEAN



STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

The **European Union** and the **Association of Southeast Asian Nations** opened a new chapter in their longstanding relationship by becoming Strategic Partners in 2020. This elevates their partnership with a commitment to **regular summits at leaders' level**.

The relationship between the two regional organisations is based on shared values and principles such as **rules-based international order, effective and sustainable multilateralism, free and fair trade**.

HOW DOES THE PARTNERSHIP BENEFIT OUR CITIZENS?



WHY DO THE EU AND ASEAN NEED A STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP?



We have a joint responsibility to protect our environment



10 million people travel between our two regions each year



Fiscal and financially stability requires long-term planning



In 2018 ASEAN exported almost €140 billion to the EU and the EU €97 billion to ASEAN



Thousands of students and academics travelled between the two regions since 2015



We cooperate together on security challenges such as counter-terrorism, cyber and maritime security

WHICH ARE THE MAIN AREAS OF COOPERATION?



Economic cooperation

- circular economy
- fiscal and financial stability
- sustainable financing
- free and fair trade based on cross-border rules and regulations
- labour rights
- creating jobs in an interconnected world



Security cooperation

- preserving peace and stability
- fighting against transnational crime and counter terrorism
- cybersecurity
- maritime security

Our Strategic Partnership will enable us to contribute to a peaceful, fair and prosperous world



Sustainable connectivity

- diversifying and simplifying transport linkages
- promoting renewable energy and security of supply
- cooperation in the field of education
- research
- innovation
- culture and tourism



Sustainable development

- human rights
- climate change and biodiversity
- clean energy transition
- smart cities
- healthy oceans
- environmental protection

Region-to-region cooperation with a positive impact worldwide