



# EU-REPUBLIC OF KOREA FOR A NEW ERA TOGETHER



KOREA-EU  
60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

The EU and the Republic of Korea are **like-minded partners** sharing similar values and common interests. Strategic Partners since 2010, cooperation between them brings tangible benefits to citizens in both regions and the wider international community. This interaction is facilitated through three core agreements:

- **The EU-Republic of Korea Framework Agreement (2010);**
- **The EU-Republic of Korea Free Trade Agreement (2010);**
- **EU-Republic of Korea Framework Participation Agreement (2014).**

The respective **Indo-Pacific Strategies** provide a supplementary framework for regional cooperation.

To mark the **60<sup>th</sup> anniversary** of their diplomatic relations, the EU and the Republic of Korea have agreed to further strengthen cooperation in promoting peace and security, greater prosperity and sustainable development.

## PEACE AND SECURITY

The EU and the Republic of Korea have agreed to **develop a security partnership** and to establish an annual **Strategic Dialogue at Foreign Ministerial level** to guide common efforts to contribute to global peace and security.

The EU and the Republic of Korea are demonstrating **solidarity with Ukraine against Russia's war of aggression** by:

- Providing financial, humanitarian and emergency budget support
- Maintaining and increasing collective pressure on Russia, including through restrictive measures
- Condemning Russia's violations of the UN Charter, including through UN Resolutions, by stressing the need to respect Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognised borders
- Underlining their firm commitment to ensure full accountability for war crimes and the other most serious crimes committed in connection to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine

The EU and the Republic of Korea are **defending the rules-based international order** by:

- Speaking out against violations
- Supporting multilateral institutions
- Defending human rights
- Upholding the international nuclear non-proliferation architecture
- Contributing to crisis management and peacekeeping
- Ensuring open sea-lanes
- Addressing hybrid threats and foreign information manipulation and interference
- Promoting sustainable development
- Exploiting synergies in their respective Indo-Pacific strategies



The EU and the Republic of Korea are **supporting peace and denuclearisation on the Korean peninsula** by:

- Urging the DPRK to cease illegal missile launches and resume dialogue with the main partners
- Insisting that the Security Council respond to DPRK missile launches in an appropriate manner
- Encouraging all states to fully implement relevant UN Security Council resolutions
- Highlighting the DPRK's obligation to protect human rights
- Remaining ready to re-engage in and support a new diplomatic process aimed at the goal of complete, verifiable and irreversible denuclearisation of the Korean peninsula.

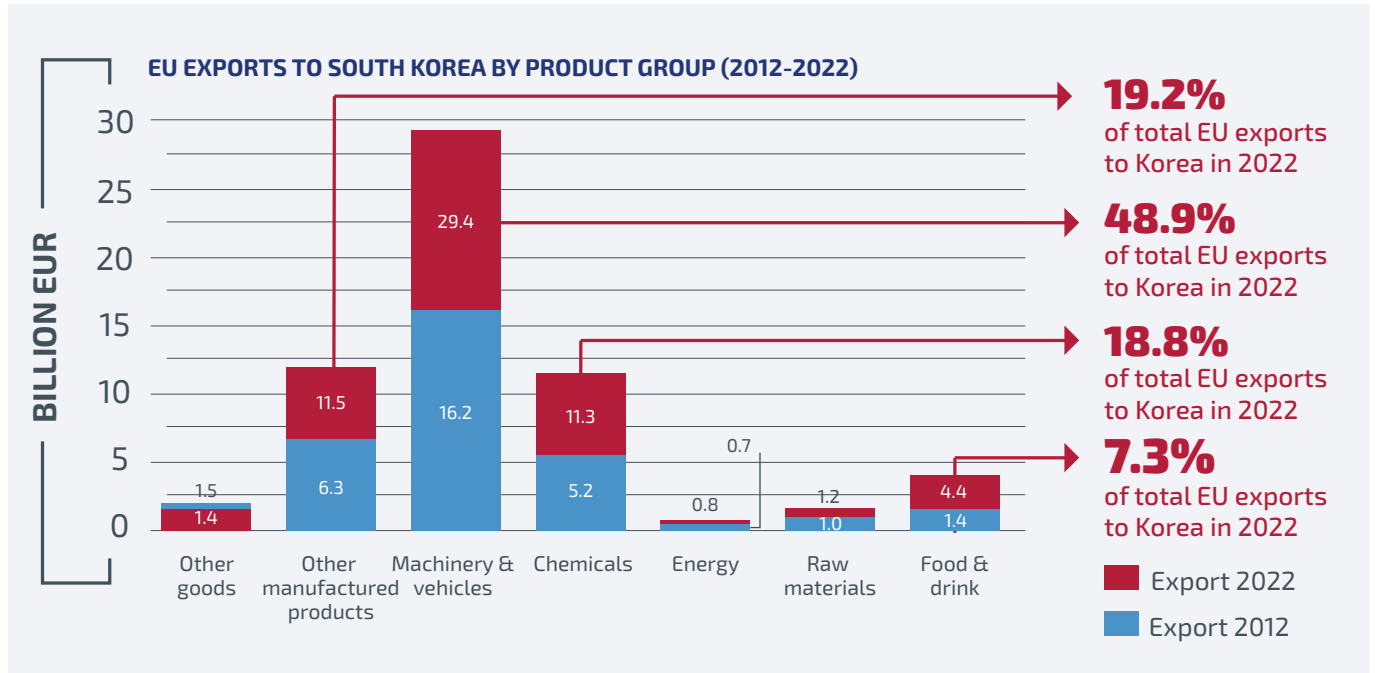
## SECURITY AND DEFENCE COOPERATION

The EU and Republic of Korea are working more closely on crisis management operations, maritime security, cyber security and the fight against terrorism.

The **Framework Participation Agreement** enables the Republic of Korea to contribute to and participate in EU crisis management operations. The Republic of Korea's naval forces participate regularly in the EU-led Operation Atalanta, which combats piracy in seas around the Horn of Africa.

## PROSPERITY

### TRADE

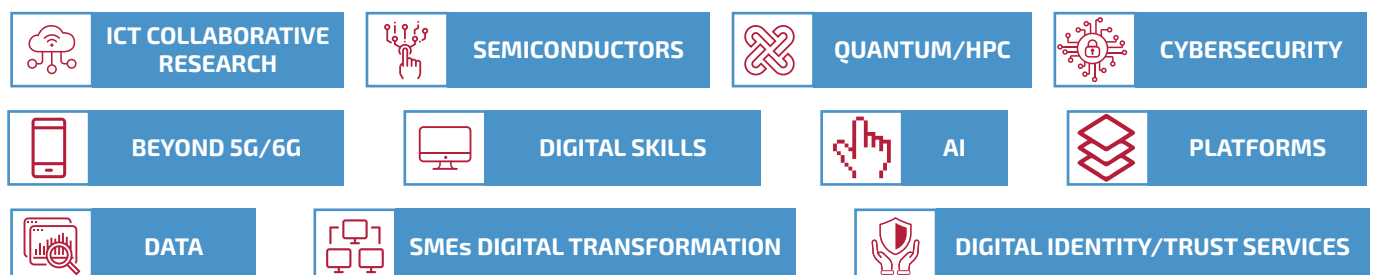


### EU- REPUBLIC OF KOREA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT a solid bedrock for a dynamic economic relationship



### DIGITAL

In November 2022, the EU and the Republic of Korea launched a comprehensive **Digital Partnership** to strengthen cooperation in crucial areas such as:



As a key deliverable under the new Partnership, the EU and the Republic of Korea also signed a set of **Digital Trade Principles**, which reflect a shared vision of an open digital economy, free of unjustified barriers to international trade.

Since 2021, personal data flows freely and safely from the EU to the Republic of Korea on the basis of an **adequacy decision**.

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



### CLIMATE CHANGE, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

The EU and the Republic of Korea have launched a landmark **Green Partnership** to enhance cooperation on climate policies, the just and clean energy transition, green technology, biodiversity, zero pollution and circular economy.

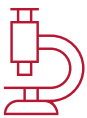
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### HEALTH

The EU and the Republic of Korea have signed a working arrangement on **health emergency preparedness and response** in the area of medical countermeasures, through the Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (HERA).

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### RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

The EU and the Republic of Korea are addressing shared global challenges and support the green and digital transitions through research and innovation cooperation, including on the technologies of the future. With the **launch of negotiations on Korea's association to the EU's €95 billion Horizon Europe framework programme**, they aim to strengthen this collaboration and increase people-to-people contacts, building on the more than 145 collaborative projects with Korean entities under Horizon Europe and its predecessor Horizon 2020.

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### EDUCATION

Citizens of the Republic of Korea are eligible to take part in the **EU's Erasmus+ mobility programme**. Under current projects, students and academic professionals travel to and from the EU and Republic of Korea to engage in work, research and study.

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### TRANSPORT

The EU and the Republic of Korea are increasing their cooperation on connectivity. A new Horizontal Aviation Agreement allows any EU airline to fly to the Republic of Korea from an EU Member State that has a bilateral air services agreement with the Republic of Korea. A **High-Level Transport Dialogue** established in 2022 is promoting new cooperation across all modes of transport.