



EU and ASEAN PARTNERS IN CONNECTIVITY



The European Union and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations promote cooperation, peace and free and fair trade, and work to foster a multilateral world order to fight the major global challenges of our time.

Both organisations have their respective approaches to **CONNECTIVITY** a key driver for sustainable growth, jobs, competitiveness, and trade



*The EU and ASEAN **continue to promote connectivity within and between the two blocs**, in line with their joint commitments towards the achievement of the Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals as well as the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. **Enhancing sustainable, comprehensive and rules-based connectivity** leads to improved cooperation and creates considerable benefits to citizens on both sides.*

HOW

DOES ENHANCED CONNECTIVITY BENEFIT OUR CITIZENS ?



Fostering economic integration and trade



Diversifying and greening transport linkages



Promoting renewable energy and security of supply



Strengthening digital connectivity



Enabling people-to-people contacts



WHY

ARE THE EU AND ASEAN STRENGTHENING THEIR CONNECTIVITY ?



Connectivity can support a robust and sustainable socio-economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, building back better and greener



About 10 million people travel between our two regions each year



We need resilient, safe and open supply chains to promote trade



Cooperation on cyber and digital issues is essential to address challenges related to digital transformation



Partnerships enable thousands of students to benefit from exchanges between the two regions

HOW DO THE EU AND ASEAN COOPERATE ON CONNECTIVITY ?

TRADE and INVESTMENTS



- > Support the post-pandemic recovery process
- > Economic stability and value chain linkages
- > Climate-resilient and resource efficient development
- > Sustainable manufacturing and green growth

TRANSPORT and ENERGY



- > Safety and security of supply chains
- > Sustainable multimodal transport links
- > Efficient regional and global energy markets
- > Investment in green infrastructure

DIGITAL



- > Increased access to digital services
- > Open, secure, stable and peaceful ICT environment
- > Consumer and personal data protection
- > Investment in digital infrastructure

PEOPLE to PEOPLE



- > Mobility of people through education and cultural exchanges
- > Sustainable travel and tourism
- > Joint research
- > Creation of quality jobs



ARISE+ supports ASEAN economic integration and trade connectivity in the areas of trade facilitation, customs and transport, quality standards in food safety and pharmaceuticals, civil aviation, intellectual property rights, economic and trade statistics and integration monitoring (€90 million).



E-READI brings together policy makers, private sector and other relevant stakeholders from both regions to exchange on joint policy priorities:

- > economy and trade
- > transport
- > digital economy
- > construction standards
- > environment and climate change
- > research and innovation
- > human rights
- > labour migration
- > gender equality

organising high level dialogues, funding studies as well as technical workshops and visits (€20 million).



The European Investment Bank supports the **ASEAN Catalytic Green Finance Facility (ACGF)**, with €150 million, aiming at accelerating the development of green infrastructure and attracting more private investment in the sector. The EIB has provided financing of € 1.8bn for over 30 projects in the region, mobilising investments of up to €10.7bn in key sectors including rural development, transport, energy and renewable energy, water and waste management, as well as support to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).



HORIZON2020 EU and ASEAN collaborate on research projects in areas including health, food, ICT, environment and nano-technologies.



ERASMUS + Since 2014 over 10,500 students and staff from ASEAN universities have received scholarships and almost 5,700 European students and staff have studied or taught in ASEAN countries.



SHARE enhances the quality, competitiveness, harmonisation and internationalisation of ASEAN higher education, institutions and students, strengthening regional cooperation (€15 million).