

CONNECTING EUROPE & ASIA THE EU STRATEGY

SUSTAINABLE, COMPREHENSIVE AND RULES-BASED CONNECTIVITY WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ENHANCED PROSPERITY. SAFETY AND **RESILIENCE OF PEOPLE AND SOCIETIES IN EUROPE AND ASIA**

WHAT IS CONNECTIVITY?



TRANSPORT

Diversified trade and travel routes linking existing and future transport networks, shorter transit times and simplified customs procedures.



More interconnected regional energy platforms, modern energy systems and environmentally friendly solutions.



Increased access to digital services while maintaining a high level of protection of consumer and personal data.



HUMAN DIMENSION

Advanced cooperation in education, research, innovation, culture and tourism.

WHY DO WE NEED BETTER CONNECTIVITY FOR EUROPE & ASIA?



€1.5 TRILLION IN ANNUAL TRADE BETWEEN EUROPE AND ASIA



EUROPE AND ASIA ACCOUNT FOR OVER 60% OF THE WORLD'S GDP



SINCE 2015, OVER 18,000 STUDENTS AND ACADEMIC STAFF HAVE TRAVELLED **BETWEEN OUR TWO REGIONS**



WE HAVE A JOINT RESPONSIBILITY TO **PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT**



CROSS-BORDER RULES AND REGULATIONS MEAN FAIR COMPETITION FOR BUSINESSES



FISCAL AND FINANCIALLY STABILITY REOUIRES LONG-TERM PLANNING

HOW WILL THE EU ENHANCE CONNECTIVITY?

CONTRIBUTING TO EFFICIENT CROSS-BORDER CONNECTIONS AND TRANSPORT, ENERGY, **DIGITAL AND HUMAN NETWORKS**



STRENGTHENING BILATERAL, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS BASED ON **COMMONLY AGREED RULES AND STANDARDS**



LEVERAGING SUSTAINABLE FINANCING FOR INVESTMENTS



The EU has a strong track record of financing connectivity internally and externally through combining innovative financing initiatives and creating opportunities for private sector participation.



INSIDE THE EU

European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF), and The European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) support integrated investment programmes.

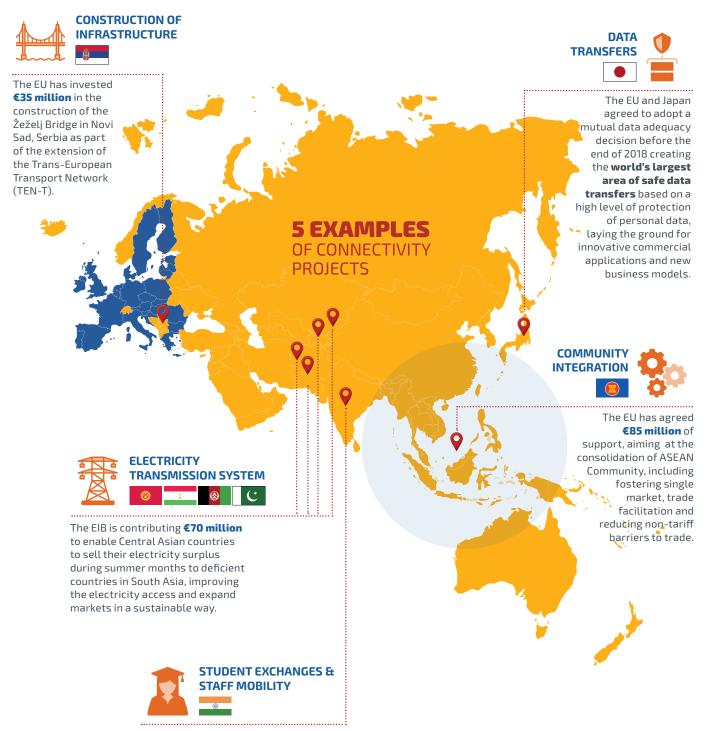
Connecting Europe Facility mobilises investments in cross-border infrastructures for transport, energy and digital networks.



OUTSIDE THE EU

Investment Facility for Central Asia, Asian Investment Facility and the European Fund for Sustainable Development (EFSD) provide financing to catalyse additional public and private capital.

WHAT IS THE EU DOING TO CONNECT EUROPE & ASIA?



5,300 Indian students received Erasmus Scholarships and **1,800** Indian researches have been granted Marie Skłodowska-Curie Scolarship since 2004.