



ENHANCING SECURITY COOPERATION IN AND WITH ASIA

With **European prosperity and Asian peace and security closely connected**, the European Union has decided to strengthen its security cooperation in and with Asia. This is also in line with the steps taken by the EU in the past years to strengthen its role as a **global security provider**:

Europe and Asia share a fundamental interest in upholding the **rules-based international system**, as well as the view that the challenges the world faces today go beyond national borders and cannot be tackled alone. The **EU-Asia security partnership is therefore both desirable and necessary**.

EU-ASIA SECURITY PRIORITIES



MARITIME SECURITY



CYBER SECURITY



COUNTER TERRORISM



CONFLICT PREVENTION



HYBRID THREATS



REGIONAL COOPERATION



NON-PROLIFERATION OF CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, RADIOLOGICAL AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS

EU-ASEAN COOPERATION

The European Union and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) have agreed to upgrade their relations to a **Strategic Partnership** and are **strengthening cooperation** in a range of security fields. **Practical examples** include:



€26 million

for mitigating chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear risks

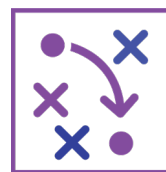


Cooperation within the **ASEAN Regional Forum**

to promote multilateral confidence building measures & preventive diplomacy

€10 million

to support cooperation between the **ASEAN Centre for Humanitarian Assistance**



and **EU civil protection agencies**

Counterterrorism and military advisors

in EU Delegations in the region



CASE STUDY: TACKLING PIRACY IN THE HORN OF AFRICA

The **EU's Naval Operation Atalanta (EUNAVFOR)** deters, prevents and represses acts of piracy and armed robbery off the coast of Somalia and protects UN World Food Programme (WFP) and other vulnerable vessels.

The **Republic of Korea** routinely contributes in direct support to EU NAVFOR whilst **New Zealand** has done so in the past. **China, India** and **Japan** operate in the area independently and have supported the Operation by protecting WFP vessels upon request of and coordinated by Atalanta. Several joint activities have been conducted, notably with **China, India** and **Japan**. Planning is underway for closer interactions with **Pakistan**.

ONGOING BILATERAL EU-ASIA SECURITY & DEFENCE COOPERATION

Framework Participation Agreements: enabling our partners to contribute to EU crisis management operations around the world

Consultations on Defence and Security: fostering enhanced cooperation to tackle global challenges

Military-to-Military Engagements: exchanges, discussions and joint exercises between experts, advisors and military

Counter-Terrorism/Countering Violent Extremism: working to prevent, protect, pursue and respond to these cross-border challenges

Cyber Security: working for a global, open, stable and secure cyberspace governed by international law

Non-proliferation: to uphold and strengthen all relevant international agreements and cooperation frameworks

Maritime Security: contributing to an open and secure maritime domain

