



EU and ASEAN discuss high performing computing in support to research

Singapore, 15 March 2019 - The First EU-ASEAN High Performing Computing (HPC) Coordination Group Meeting took place in Singapore from 14 to 15 March 2019, hosted by the European Commission Directorate General for Research and Innovation (DG RTD). The meeting was the first between the EU and ASEAN aiming to support the establishment of the ASEAN-EU Research and Innovation Policy Exchange Platform. This platform is seen as a long-term and continuous support measure and activity planning tool for Region-to-Region cooperation on an expert working level and exchange between working level and policy level.

The event on HPC brought together European Commission, EU Member States' HPC policy experts, ASEAN HPC officials from policy and technical levels, enabling them to have a fruitful exchange on HPC strategies and plans on regional aspects. The workshop offered possibilities for sharing lessons and good practices, a wider expert network development and further cooperation initiatives. It served as an inaugural platform for dialogue between EU and ASEAN on HPC discussions. Both ASEAN and EU counterparts presented their respective HPC roadmaps, capacities, expertise and priorities. The EU shared experiences on the computational power applied in support to research, and the exchange recommended the next steps in the Region-to-Region collaboration on HPC.

Scientific cooperation between the EU and ASEAN has become a high priority on the political agenda. A Region-to-Region sectoral dialogue is ongoing, further expanded and enhanced through specific activities supporting the partnership co-operation objectives. This meeting was an important opportunity for engaging both EU and ASEAN representatives on a topic where both sides can learn from each other's experiences in regional integration.

The 1st EU-ASEAN Coordination Group Meeting on High Performing Computing was supported by the Enhanced Regional EU-ASEAN Dialogue Instrument (E-READI), a development cooperation programme that facilitates cooperation between the EU and ASEAN in priority policy areas of joint interest. Drawing on the long history of EU regional integration experience, the E-READI policy dialogue facility further strengthens both the ASEAN regional integration as well as the overall ASEAN-EU partnership.

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) was established on 8 August 1967. The Member States of the Association are Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam. On 31 December 2015, the ASEAN Community was formally established. The ASEAN Secretariat is based in Jakarta.

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