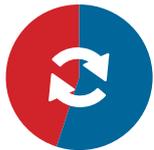
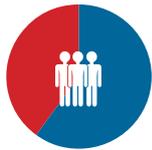


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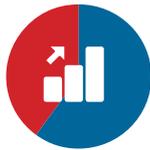
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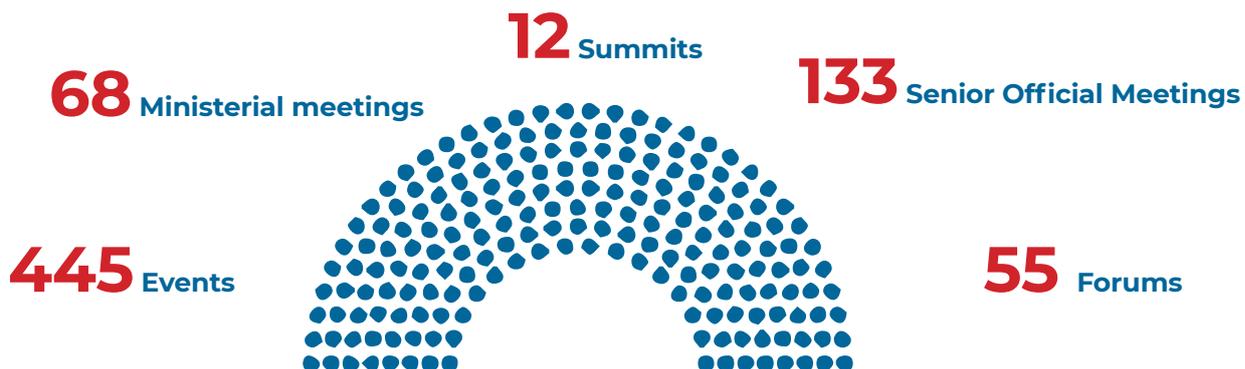


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The 3 pillars of ASEM

Political pillar

Important issues and challenges affecting both continents, including the fight against terrorism, common responses to international security threats, global environmental issues, management of migratory flows, human rights, welfare of women and children, etc.

Economic and Financial pillar

Promoting growth and employment, enhancing cooperation on global financial issues, dialogue in priority industrial sectors, fostering connectivity between the two regions, etc.

Social and Cultural pillar

A wide range of enhanced contacts and dialogue between the two regions on topics such as education, social protection and employment, and co-operation on the protection of cultural heritage.



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The ASEM Sustainable Connectivity Portal

Connectivity is a top priority for ASEM. All ASEM partners agree that connectivity is about bringing countries, people and societies closer together, and a means to foster deeper economic and people-to-people ties. It must be inclusive, mutually beneficial, and should work towards the achievement of the sustainable development goals (www.consilium.europa.eu/media/31705/annex-i.pdf).

The European Commission Joint Research Centre, together with European and Asian experts, have developed the ASEM Sustainable Connectivity Portal. This aims to provide a science-based contribution to the policy discussions within the framework of ASEM and connectivity.

The Portal is an interactive online tool, which contains a data repository to explore how connectivity relates to sustainability amongst ASEM countries.

The Portal gathers into one place a wealth of connectivity-related data from a range of international sources. It is structured on the basis of two indices, one which measures cross-border connectivity via five pillars, and the other which measures sustainability related to connectivity via three pillars.

ASEM policymakers, as well as researchers, businesses and citizens, can use the Portal to explore how their countries connect with other ASEM peers and further investigate how each country performs in terms of sustainable connectivity.

ASEM Sustainable Connectivity

CONNECTIVITY INDEX



Physical

Measures physical infrastructure in terms of transport, energy and information and communications technology (ICT), mainly between countries.



Economic/financial

Measures the trade of goods and services and financial flows.



Political

Measures political relations with other countries.



People to people

Measures the mobility of people in education, tourism and migration, the collaboration in research and innovation, the exchange of culture and communication.



Institutional

Measures the regulatory environment to facilitate trade and investment as well as to facilitate the mobility of people.

SUSTAINABILITY INDEX



Social

Measures elements related to poverty, inequality, education, gender balance and inclusive and open societies.



Economic / Financial

Measures financial sustainability, economic growth, research expenditure and youth unemployment.



Environmental

Measures the domestic environmental status of a country in terms of CO2 emissions, domestic material consumption, forest loss, etc.

