



# 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



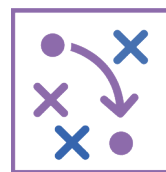
**ASEAN  
Regional  
Forum**

to promote multilateral confidence building measures & preventive diplomacy

Cooperation within the

**€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:** promoting the Rule of Law at sea and contributing to an open and secure maritime domain

