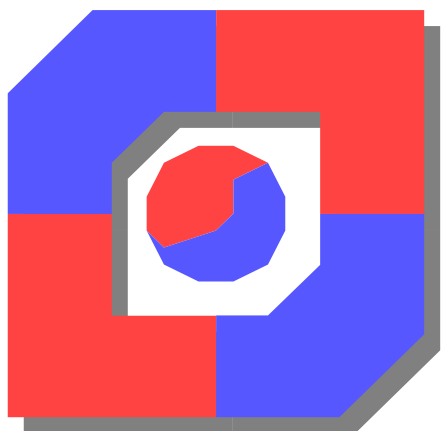


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Shaping a Common Future for Europe and Asia –

Sharing Policy Innovation and Best Practices in Addressing Common Challenges



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THE PROJECT

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Europe and Asia share a long history of multilateral and bilateral relations. The various political, economic and cultural ties have always been very tight and thus, both regions have many things in common.

Despite these long-standing relations, new challenges are currently emerging. These recent developments make it necessary to create a common future for Europe and Asia.

In order to establish a platform for exchange, enhance the understanding of European and Asian policy makers of common current as well as possible future challenges and recommend required policy frameworks, this project was initiated by the European Commission, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, East Asian Institute, European Policy Centre and its associate European Union Centre Singapore.

The overall objective is to contribute to the formulation of relevant sustainable development policies for framing a comprehensive and constructive partnership between Asia and the EU. The stakeholders shall become aware of the regional and cross-regional developments in order to identify both short- and long-term problems, to prevent their emergence and solve them at an early stage.

Additionally, the cooperation between different communities to share experiences and work together to address these challenges shall be strengthened. This mutual exchange of knowledge will help the relevant actors to tackle these issues.

The final beneficiaries will be policy-makers, researchers, civil society, opinion leaders and the general public in Europe and Asia.

THE PARTICIPANTS

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The three-year project includes representatives from both academia and policy-makers from Asia and Europe.

To ensure an equitable participation of both regions, activities will be implemented in different countries of the two continents.

THE IDENTIFIED TOPICS

The challenges identified to be examined in this project are:

1. Identify common and local threats due to **Climate Change** and enhance multilateral solutions
2. Study inter-regional best practices of **Eco-Cities** and formulate recommendations for sustainable city planning
3. Make comparative studies on **Migration and Integration** to determine best practices and promote a sense of community
4. Recommend policies after comparing best practices to achieve **Social Cohesion**
5. Enhance systematic inter-regional research on **Human Trafficking** as an increasing problem
6. Create linkages and cooperation in fighting **Maritime Piracy**
7. The non-traditional security challenge of **Food Security** will be examined with its regional implications in Asia and on the EU

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EAST ASIAN INSTITUTE (EAI)

The East Asian Institute was set up in April 1997 as an autonomous research institute under a statute of the National University of Singapore. Its main mission is to promote academic and policy-oriented research on East Asian economies, academic exchanges and to disseminate its research findings to a wider audience. EAI regularly organizes international conferences, workshops, seminars, and publishes research papers. (<http://www.eai.nus.edu.sg>)

EUROPEAN POLICY CENTRE (EPC)

The European Policy Centre is an independent, not-for-profit think tank established in 1994 and based in Brussels. It provides fast, high-quality information and analyses on the EU and global policy agenda aiming to promote a balanced dialogue between the different constituencies of its membership, spanning all aspects of economic and social life. (<http://www.epc.eu>)

EUROPEAN UNION CENTRE IN SINGAPORE (EUC)

The EU Centre in Singapore aims to promote knowledge and understanding of the European Union, its institutions, policies, and impact on Singapore and the region. It works with different partners to raise the awareness of the EU, its relationship with Asia and its global role through various publications, events, research. (www.eucentre.sg)

THE MAIN ACTIVITIES

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EU-ASIA Dialogue includes a huge variety of different measures to achieve its objectives.

Among others, these activities are:

- 71 comprehensive reports, case studies, comparative studies, papers and recommendations for policy dialogues
- 7 workshops for researchers and policy-makers
- 17 political roundtables, policy dialogues, policy panels, political role-out events and political forum
- 7 papers and book publications
- 8 international conferences
- 33 decentralised briefings for policy-makers, academics and the wider public
- 6 Brussels EU-Asia policy briefings
- Establishment of an online platform

This mixture of activities ensures that researchers are able to share their analyses, policy-makers get well informed and that all included stakeholders have the chance to exchange their knowledge as well as their perspectives on the particular challenges and thus, benefit from the project. The direct target groups are policy-makers and researchers in Europe and Asia.



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