

Expert Discussion on the State of Europe in 2024

Europe in 2024 and beyond ***EU Elections: global impact, regional perception?***

In cooperation with the German European School Singapore (GESS)

Date: 30 May 2024, 17.30 – 19.30 hrs (Singapore Time)

Venue: Dieter-Gumpert-Auditorium, 2 Dairy Farm Lane, 677621 Singapore

The outcome of the upcoming European Elections between June 6-9 will determine the direction of policies decided by the Parliament and shape EU politics over the next five years. More than 400 million eligible voters can choose the 720 members of the EU's only directly elected institution for the tenth time since 1979. They matter greatly: The Parliament is a co-legislator on all files of Union competency, has the power to approve the EU's budget and the future European Commission.

ASEAN and the EU are united on the fundamentals such as the defence of multilateralism or the rule of law. Now, the strength of the parliamentary dimension between the EU and ASEAN will largely depend on the strength of the new Parliament and other EU institutions after June 6-9. Therefore, the EU Elections are very much on ASEAN's radar, as they are aware that their outcome will determine the future of what is—alongside ASEAN—one of the world's most advanced experiences of regional integration, and a great source of trade and investment.

The relationship between the EU-ASEAN relations experienced a new height in 2020 with the signing of the strategic partnership. What followed were several visits from European and Southeast Asian decision-makers to the other region. Meanwhile it needs to be seen how the latest EU-ASEAN plan of action for 2023-2027 will be implemented in which both sides agreed to "encourage linkages" between the European Parliament and the individual parliaments of ASEAN member states.

The expert panel bringing together several EU experts discusses the impact of the EU elections on EU-ASEAN relations in the fields of connectivity, sustainability and security and points to possible scenarios in the way-forward between the two blocs after June 9.

In collaboration with the German European School Singapore (GESS) and the GESS Parents' Committee the public cross-sectional evening event will see more than 200 people from different disciplines.

Agenda

- 17:30 **Registration**
- 18:00 **Welcome Remarks**
- [Stefan Pauli](#)
Principal
German European School Singapore (GESS)
- 18:10 **Introduction and Background**
- [GESS Students](#)
from EU Simulation Game (EU Council)
- 18:15 **Panel Discussion**
- with
- [Jim Maher \(remote\)](#)
Senior Policy Advisor
European Parliament in ASEAN
DG for Parliamentary Democracy Partnerships
- [Prof. Dr. Alexander Burka](#)
Managing Director
CIVIC GmbH – Institute for International Education (European Politics)
Vienna, Austria
- [H.E. Colette Taquet](#)
Ambassador
Embassy of Belgium to Singapore
- [Dr. Yeo Lay Hwee](#)
Director
European Union Centre in Singapore
Singapore Institute of International Affairs
- Moderation:**
[Jennifer Johnston \(tbc\)](#)
[ARD / German Broadcasting](#)
[Singapore](#)

- 19.15 **Musical Break**
- [GESS Students](#)
- 19.25 **Closing Remarks**
- [Andreas Klein](#)
 Regional Director
 KAS Political Dialogue Aisa
- 19.30 **End of Discussion and Reception**