Blue Book 2020
EU-ASEAN Natural Partners

SUMMARY
In 2020, the EU and its Member States remain the largest donor to ASEAN and its Member States. Joint priorities include responding to the climate emergency, achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, and protecting the environment while maintaining equitable and sustainable economic growth.

**EU DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION 2014-2020:**

- **Regional integration**
  - €250 million

- **EU Member States support to ASEAN**
  - €2 billion

- **Regional programmes with a specific thematic focus**

- **Bilateral assistance to ASEAN Member States**

**POLICY DIALOGUE**

E-READI - the Enhanced Regional EU-ASEAN Dialogue Instrument - supports knowledge exchanges and dialogue in policy areas of joint interest with the aim of enhancing ASEAN regional integration.

**CURRENT THEMATIC AREAS SUPPORTED BY E-READI**

- **Economic and Trade Connectivity**
  - Digital Economy
  - Trade
  - Business
  - Road Transport
  - Eurocodes (Construction Standards)

- **Environment and Climate Change**
  - Circular Economy
  - Natural Capital
  - Climate Action
  - Fisheries
  - Sustainable Clean Energy

- **Human Rights and Gender Equality**
  - Dialogue on Human Rights
  - Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women and Girls
  - Safe Migration and Labour Mobility

- **Partnership for the SDGs**
  - ASEAN-EU dialogue on Sustainable Development

- **Science and Research**
  - Research and Innovation Policy Exchange Platform
### EU Cooperation with ASEAN

#### Political Security

**Policy Dialogue Facility**
- €20 million | 2018-2023
- E-READI

**CBRN Risk Mitigation**
- €37 million | 2010-2020
- Centres of Excellence

**Cybersecurity**
- €11 million | 2018-2021
- CYBER4D

**Preventing & Countering Violent Extremism**
- €7 million | 2017-2021
- P/CVE

#### Economic

**Economic Integration**
- €90 million | 2017-2022
- ARISE Plus

**Country-level interventions national trade support programmes**
- €50+ million | 2019 onward
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**Support to farmers’ organisations**
- €15 million | 2015-2020
- AFOSP

**Sustainable infrastructure investment**
- €50 million | 2020 onward
- ACGF

**Forest governance support programme**
- €5 million | 2020 onward
- FLEGT

**Governance and domestic accountability**
- €3 million | 2020 onward
- ASEAN SAI

#### Socio-Cultural

**Higher education and student mobility**
- €15 million | 2015-2020
- EU SHARE

**Sustainable use of Peat Lands and Haze Mitigation**
- €20 million from the EU & €4 million from Germany
- 2019-2022
- SUPA

**Support to ASEAN’s emergency response**
- €10 million | 2019-2022
- EU Support to AHA Centre

**Safe migration**
- €25 million | 2018-2023
- Safe & Fair

**Biodiversity Conservation Management of Protected Areas**
- €10 million | 2016-2019

**SMART Green ASEAN Cities**
- €5 million | 2020 onward

### Sustainable Development Goals

1. **No Poverty**
2. **Zero Hunger**
3. **Good Health and Well-being**
4. **Quality Education**
5. **Gender Equality**
6. **Clean Water and Sanitation**
7. **Affordable and Clean Energy**
8. **Decent Work and Economic Growth**
9. **Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure**
10. **Reduced Inequalities**
11. **Sustainable Cities and Communities**
12. **Responsible Consumption and Production**
13. **Climate Action**
14. **Life Below Water**
15. **Life on Land**
16. **Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions**
17. **Partnerships for the Goals**

### Political and Security Cooperation

Responding to shared regional and global challenges

Political and security cooperation is increasingly important in the EU-ASEAN partnership. It now includes non-traditional security, such as cybersecurity, deradicalisation, and chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) issues, as well as traditional security, including maritime security, and political dialogues on matters such as human rights.
Economic cooperation benefits everyone by spreading opportunities and reducing poverty. Important negotiations on free trade agreements continue with ASEAN Member States as well as on the EU-ASEAN Comprehensive Air Transport Agreement, which is nearing completion. As the first ever bloc-to-bloc agreement, this will extend beyond air traffic overflight rights to address safety, security and air traffic management.

**THE EU REMAINS THE BIGGEST PROVIDER OF EXTERNAL FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT (FDI) IN ASEAN**

**THE EU IS ASEAN’S 2ND LARGEST TRADING PARTNER**

**ASEAN IS THE EU’S 3RD LARGEST TRADING PARTNER OUTSIDE EUROPE**

Enhanced ASEAN Regional Integration Support from the EU

**2017-2022**

**ARISE+**

40 MILLION

**BILATERAL SUPPORT TO ASEAN MEMBER STATES**

**ADDITIONAL**

50 MILLION

- Intellectual property rights
- Civil aviation
- Strengthen capacity of ASEAN Secretariat
- Integration monitoring and statistics
- Transport and customs procedures
- Harmonisation of standards
- Trade facilitation for goods
The European Green Deal - the new EU growth strategy - recognises that action on climate change is an urgent priority. EU-ASEAN cooperation therefore supports initiatives that address climate change resilience and adaptation, forestry and land use change, environmental conservation - including protecting biodiversity - and disaster preparedness and response.

**Sustainable use of Peat Lands and Haze Mitigation in ASEAN (SUPA)**
Enhancing peatland management to reduce emissions and sustain livelihoods.

**Biodiversity Conservation & Management of Protected Areas in ASEAN (BCAMP)**
Ensuring that ASEAN’s rich biological diversity is sustainably managed and conserved.

**SMART Green ASEAN Cities**
Reducing the environmental impacts of urban areas and improving the quality of life.

**ASEAN Catalytic Green Finance Facility (ACGF)**
Encouraging private investments in green infrastructure projects.

**Support to ASEAN Farmers’ Organisations (AFOSP)**
Enhancing the role of agricultural cooperatives in global value chains.

**EU Support to AHA Centre**
Integrated Programme Enhancing Capacity of AHA Centre & ASEAN Emergency Response Mechanisms.

**Forest Governance support programme (FLEGト)**
Strengthening institutional capacity and coordination to tackle illegal logging.

**Sustainable Use of Peatland and Haze Mitigation in ASEAN**

- **2019-2022**
- **SUPA**
- **LAUNCHED IN NOVEMBER 2019**
- **SUPPORTS ASEAN’S STRATEGY ON PEATLAND MANAGEMENT**
- **SUPPORTS AND SUSTAINS LOCAL LIVELIHOODS**
- **20 MILLION FROM THE EU**
- **4 MILLION FROM GERMANY**

**TWO COMPONENTS**
Combining a governmental and a non-state actor approach.
SOCIO-CULTURAL COOPERATION

Addressing the shared challenges of climate change

EU-ASEAN cooperation aims to build societies which place priority on well-being and social welfare. Closer personal connections are also key to addressing global challenges such as the climate emergency. The EU therefore supports initiatives related to education mobility, migrant workers’ rights, and science, technology and innovation.

ACADEMIC COOPERATION

Academic cooperation includes the Erasmus+ and Horizon 2020 programmes. Erasmus+ offers funding and support to ASEAN students, higher education staff, and organisations such as universities and businesses. Horizon 2020 supports research and innovation with collaborative projects in the ASEAN region addressing areas such as health, food, ICT and the environment.
EU SUPPORT TO HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE ASEAN REGION

STRENGTHENS REGIONAL COOPERATION
and enhances the quality of ASEAN higher education.

SUPPORTS HARMONISATION
of higher education in ASEAN to increase and enhance the mobility of university students and staff.

REGIONAL MOBILITY
Scholarships facilitate regional mobility and the credit transfer system is an integral part of SHARE scholarships.

MOBILITY, EDUCATION AND CULTURE

10 MILLION travel between the two regions each year
7 MILLION are EU citizens who travel to ASEAN

Since 2014, over 5500 students and staff from ASEAN universities have received scholarships.

Nearly 3000 European students and staff have taken up work or study in ASEAN Member States under the Erasmus+ programme.

ASEAN and the EU are currently negotiating a region-to-region Comprehensive Air Transport Agreement (CATA).

REALISING WOMEN MIGRANT WORKERS’ RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

2018-2023

SAFE & FAIR
Μ25 MILLION

SUPPORTING WOMEN MIGRANT WORKERS
The programme facilitates coordinated and responsive services for women migrant workers at risk of violence and exploitation.

REACHING 1 MILLION PEOPLE
Through its public campaigns, the programme has shared information with more than 5,000 women migrant workers and their families, and trained more than 700 people.

IMPLEMENTED THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION AND UN WOMEN
The programme works in close cooperation with regional ASEAN bodies, national governments and institutions, as well as the private sector and civil society organisations.