

EU-ASEAN Young Leaders Forum

2nd Edition

Part I: Launch of the EU-ASEAN Young Leaders Forum

Young Leaders will start their exchanges here with a view to maintain regular communication and consultations until the Young Leaders Forum in October.

26 April 2022

09.30-11.00 CEST

Virtual (Zoom)

Part II: Capacity-Building Programme

Thanks to its both academic and practical approach, and based on concrete achievement examples, this programme aims to support Young Leaders in better understanding how the EU and ASEAN function and operate. In doing so, it intends to give them the tools they need to devise appropriate policy recommendations for the future of EU-ASEAN relations. In this process, Young Leaders will acquire valuable skills for a generation of future leaders.

After the introduction session, the young leaders will be able to participate in 3 exploratory webinars and 4 training workshops.

All sessions will combine a teaching and exchange component. Interaction, networking, peer to peer learning and experience sharing will be strongly encouraged.

Along with the main programme, the young leaders will be invited to join Sustainable Lifestyle Challenges and participate in various EU-ASEAN activities.

Introduction to the EU-ASEAN Young Leader Capacity Building Programme and Activities

An opportunity for Young Leaders to meet and greet, get to know each other, and be introduced to online tools to stay connected.

Audience: Young Leaders

10 May 2022

09:30 - 11:00 CEST

Virtual (Zoom)

Sustainable Lifestyle Challenge 1: Plastic Free Week

Audience: Young Leaders

10 May – 24 May 2022

Exploratory webinar 1: Debating the Future of EU-ASEAN Relations

An opportunity for Young Leaders to meet and debate with Federica Mogherini, Rector of the College of Europe and High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission from 2014 to 2019.

Audience: Young Leaders

24 May 2022

09:30 - 12:00 CEST

Virtual (Zoom)

Sustainable Lifestyle Challenge 2: Reduce Your Food Footprint

Audience: Young Leaders

24 May – 7 June 2022

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Exploratory webinar 2: Sustainable Food

The Young Leaders will learn more about organic farming and how it contributes to mitigating climate change.

Audience: Young Leaders

21/28 June 2022 (TBC) 09:30 - 12:00 CEST

Virtual (Zoom)

Young Leader Representative Election Campaign

4 youth representatives to be selected to participate at the EU-ASEAN Summit in December 2022

Audience: Young Leaders

5 July – 2 August 2022

Virtual (Slack)

Participation at the EU-ASEAN Higher Education Fair

Audience: Young Leaders

7 August 2022

Virtual (Platform TBC)

Training workshop 1: Cross-Boundary Leadership

Audience: Young Leaders

11 August 2022

09:30 – 12:00 CEST

Virtual (Zoom)

Training workshop 2: Solving Complex Problems

Audience: Young Leaders

18 August 2022

09:30 – 12:00 CEST

Virtual (Zoom)

Sustainable Lifestyle Challenge 3: Dress Sustainably

Audience: Young Leaders

23 August – 6 September 2022

Training workshop 3: Negotiation skills: A case study of cyber diplomacy (Part 1)

Audience: Young Leaders

1st week of September 09:30 – 12:00 CEST

Virtual (Zoom)

Training workshop 4: Negotiation skills: A case study of cyber diplomacy (Part 2)

Audience: Young Leaders

2nd week of September 09:30 – 12:00 CEST

Virtual (Zoom)

Exploratory Webinar 3: Zooming in on the EU-ASEAN policy priorities

In this series of webinars, the young leaders will learn from the leading EU-ASEAN experts on current policy developments of the EU-ASEAN thematic priorities, which are structured around the

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implementation of the ASEAN-EU Plans of Action and EU-ASEAN joint actions in tackling COVID-19 as a cross-cutting issue.

Audience: Young Leaders

3rd week of September 09:30 – 12:00 CEST

Virtual (Zoom)

Participation at the EU-ASEAN Cultural Festival (online and onsite in Jakarta and Brussels)

Audience: Young Leaders and general audiences

Mid-September 2022

Virtual (Platform TBC)

Part III: EU-ASEAN Young Leaders' Forum 2022

**One Week Forum from 4-7 October 2022 (4 half-days from 09.30-12.45 CEST)
and Closing of the Forum on 11 October 2022 (09.30-12.00 CEST)**

Day 1 4 October 2022
09:30 – 11:00 CEST

Virtual/Hybrid Public event

Opening of the EU-ASEAN YLF 2022

The opening day will connect Young Leaders with participating policymakers and experts through a panel discussion with around 200 participants from EU and ASEAN countries as well as other general public audiences.

11:15 – 12:45 CEST

KAS ENGAGE Round

Day 2 5 October 2022
09:30 – 11:00 CEST

Virtual/Hybrid Public event

Theme 1: Political Perspective: Democratic Governance and Basic Rights in the EU and ASEAN

This debate focuses on identification/evaluation of EU and ASEAN's shortcomings and achievements in democratic governance and basic rights. How can the EU and ASEAN work together in multilateral fora to promote democratic governance and human rights? What are possible bottlenecks? What are important lessons from violations on democratic principles and HR in ASEAN and Europe?

11:15 – 12:45 CEST

Theme 2: Security Perspective: Security in Indo-Pacific Region

This debate will discuss EU's and ASEAN's common security challenges and threats. Further questions will include how the EU and ASEAN can work together to promote an open and rules-based regional security architecture.

Day 3 6 October 2022
09:30 – 11:00 CEST

Virtual/Hybrid Public event

Theme 3: Economic Perspective: Future of FTAs between EU-ASEAN and ASEAN Member States

What are EU's and ASEAN's shared and divergent expectations on the future of bilateral and multilateral trade and trade agreements? How relevant is the inclusion of Sustainable Development Chapters in EU FTA with third parties, and what are the prospects and implications for an EU-ASEAN Free Trade Agreement?

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Theme 4: COVID-19 Mitigation and Recovery: An EU-ASEAN Health Partnership (ASEAN in the lead)

What are some important lessons learnt from COVID-19 in either region? How can ASEAN and the EU jointly work towards better pandemic prevention and effective pandemic management. How can both work towards more inclusive and equal vaccine access through improved global health governance?

Day 4 7 October 2022
09:30 – 11:00 CEST

Virtual/Hybrid Public event

Theme 5: How can the EU-ASEAN cooperation in mitigation and adaptation support the Paris Agreement objectives and sustainable development

How is the European Green Deal perceived in ASEAN? Is there an ASEAN approach to enhance the green transformation of ASEAN societies? How to foster regional cooperation between ASEAN and the EU to decarbonise the economy, work towards carbon neutrality through energy savings/decentralised renewable energy sources and the decoupling of economic growth, natural resource depletion and fossil energy production/consumption?

11:15 – 12:45 CEST

Theme 6: EU-ASEAN People-to-People Connectivity (Partnership in digitalisation, education, employment, and cultural exchange)

How has EU-ASEAN cooperation in education (e.g. EU- SHARE) been supporting student mobility and what further initiatives are worthwhile? How to enhance personal exchanges among young thought leaders, experts, politicians, and entrepreneurs to more opportunities for knowledge and experience exchange between both regions? How do enhance inclusion of students with limited access to opportunities? How can EU and ASEAN work together to narrow the digital divide in terms of accessibility of technology and internet connection?

Day 5 11 October 2022
09:30 – 11:00 CEST

Virtual/Hybrid Public event

Closing of the EU-ASEAN YLF 2022

After a fruitful series of debates over the course of the YLF, Young Leaders will come together for this final session to exchange perspectives and produce a consolidated list of recommendations, based on the day-specific draft recommendations, taking into consideration the YLF and the previous workshops in their entirety.

11:15 – 12:45 CEST

Presentation of Final Recommendations