

# EUROPEAN UNION DELEGATION TO MALAYSIA

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## EU-MALAYSIA NEWS



### UPCOMING EVENT: THE EUROPEAN SOVEREIGN DEBT CRISIS & THE FUTURE OF THE EURO

Dr Peter Bekx (Director of International Economic and Financial Relations and Global Governance in the European Commission) will address the impact of the Sovereign Debt Crisis in Europe – the world's largest economy; the strategy the EU has put in place to guide recovery of the European economy and create growth; the future of the Euro as well as why this matters to Malaysia.

Jointly organised with the EU-Malaysia Chamber of Commerce & Industry, and the Asian Strategy & Leadership Institute, the event will take place on **March 1, Friday, 2.30pm – 5.00pm at The Westin Kuala Lumpur.**

To register your attendance, please email [delegation-malaysia-events@eeas.europa.eu](mailto:delegation-malaysia-events@eeas.europa.eu) or contact Ms Mariya Sellvam at 03-2723 7373.

### CALL FOR OFFERS: CATERING SERVICES & SECURITY PERSONNEL

The Delegation has launched two calls for offers from contractors for full-time [security personnel](#) and [catering services](#). Closing date for the offers is March 1.

## NEWS FROM EU INSTITUTIONS

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### SHARPENING OUR TOOLS AGAINST VIOLENT EXTREMISM

Violent extremism has become an increasing internal and international security concern with the shift of terrorist threats from organised groups to individuals - who are harder to detect and whose actions are harder to predict.

On January 29 a high-level conference was held in Brussels based on the work of experts and practitioners in the Radicalisation Awareness Network. Among policy proposals highlighted include the need for training local police to detect signs of radicalisation into violent extremism, and providing de-radicalisation or exit programs for members of extremist groups. [➤ More](#)

*Photo: EU Commissioner for Home Affairs Cecilia Malmström and Stefano Manservigi, the Director General of the Commission's DG Home Affairs, participating at the conference.*



### NEW NUCLEAR COOPERATION MECHANISM ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE EU AND THE IAEA

The cooperation between the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and the EU institutions has grown significantly over the last years, with the EU being a major contributor to the activities of the IAEA, both in terms of financing and technical expertise. [➤ More](#)

### THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL IN 2012

Stabilising and reinforcing the Eurozone, supporting growth and jobs, and the turmoil in the Middle East were at the top of the European Council's agenda in 2012. [➤ Download the brochure](#)

### NEW WORRYING TRENDS IN SMUGGLING AND CONSUMPTION OF ILLICIT DRUGS

The first EU Drug Markets Report reveals that organised crime and international drug trafficking has become a more dynamic and fluid market contributed by criminals' multi-commodity perspective, diversification of trafficking and the exploitation of legitimate transportation options. [➤ More](#)

### TOWARDS A COHERENT INTERNATIONAL CYBERSPACE POLICY FOR THE EU

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## ECONOMIC NEWS



### EUROPEAN COMMISSION STRENGTHENS THE PROTECTION OF THE EURO BY MEANS OF CRIMINAL LAW

Counterfeiting of the Euro is estimated to have cost at least €500 million since the currency was introduced in 2002. The proposal aims to strengthen the protection of the Euro and other currencies against counterfeiting through criminal law measures. These include strengthening cross-border investigations and introducing minimum penalties, including imprisonment, for the most serious counterfeiting offences. [➤ More](#)

### THE SINGLE MARKET: EUROPE'S PATH TO GROWTH AND JOBS

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### EURO AREA ANNUAL INFLATION DOWN TO 2.0%

The Euro area annual inflation is expected to be 2.0% in January 2013, down from 2.2% in December 2013. [➤ More](#)

## ENVIRONMENT NEWS

### SUSTAINABLE ENERGY: THE EU AND THE GLOBAL AGENDA

Speaking at the Regions20 Conference in Vienna on January 31, Commission President Barroso stressed the importance of nations working together because the immense environmental challenges faced – from atmospheric warming to energy insecurity – simply know no borders. He further reaffirmed the EU's stand for a new global climate agreement in which all emitters contribute their fair share. [➤ More](#)



### EU LAUNCHES CLEAN FUEL STRATEGY

Clean fuel is being held back by three main barriers: the high cost of vehicles, a low level of consumer acceptance, and the lack of recharging and refuelling stations. The newly launched Clean Power for Transport Package aims to ensure the build-up of alternative fuel stations across Europe with common standards for their design and use. [➤ More](#)

## EU RESOURCES

### EU-MALAYSIA PUBLICATIONS

The EU Delegation annually publishes various material which gives an overview of the cooperation between the EU and Malaysia. 2012 publications include the Key Facts Leaflet, Trade & Investment Booklet, Cooperation Booklet and the Study in Europe Guide for Malaysian Students. To obtain a copy, please contact [delegation-malaysia-press@eeas.europa.eu](mailto:delegation-malaysia-press@eeas.europa.eu)

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