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EURAXESS SCIENCE SLAM ASEAN 2013

Calling all young researchers in ASEAN! Present your research project in a creative video and stand a chance to win a trip to Brussels for the "EURAXESS Voice of the Researchers Conference" in November. **Deadline for entries is 18 August.** [➤ More](#)

PARTNERSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR 2013/2014 ERASMUS MUNDUS (ACTION 2)

Partnerships in the framework of the Erasmus Mundus (Action 2) are the basis for enhancing academic cooperation and exchanges of students and academics, contributing to the socio-economic development of non-EU countries targeted by EU external cooperation policy. Several consortia for research projects selected in 2013 are offering scholarships for Malaysian institutions. [➤ More](#)



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NEWS FROM EU INSTITUTIONS

WELCOME TO THE EU, CROATIA!

On 1 July 2013, Croatia officially became the 28th Member State of the European Union. Over the last decade, after its application to join the EU on 21 February 2003, Croatia has accomplished all the reforms needed to bring it in line with EU laws and standards. [➤ More](#)



HIGH REPRESENTATIVE ASHTON ATTENDS THE ASEAN REGIONAL FORUM (1 - 2 JULY, BRUNEI)

At the forum, HRVP Ashton noted the EU's longstanding commitment to support ASEAN in order to play a constructive role in the new regional architecture of Asia. Main issues discussed at the Forum were the situation in the Korean Peninsula, maritime security and political reforms in Myanmar. [➤ More](#)

15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADOPTION OF THE ROME STATUTE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT (17 JULY)

The ICC is the first permanent international criminal court and the serious crimes within its jurisdiction are of concern to the international community as a whole. The EU and its Member States are strongly committed to preserving the independence of the ICC and to promoting the universality and integrity of the Rome Statute. [➤ More](#)

EU ANNUAL REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS & DEVELOPMENT IN THE WORLD 2012

Read the full report [here](#).

EU GUIDELINES ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Updated versions of several guidelines have been adopted by the Foreign Affairs Council this year. This includes guidelines on the promotion and protection of: [freedom of religion or belief](#), [death penalty](#), [the enjoyment of all human rights by LGBTI persons](#) and [human rights in 3 business sectors](#) (ICT, Oil & Gas and Recruitment).

THE WORLD WE SEEK: THE RIGHTS AND FREEDOM OF CHILDREN

Speaking at the High Level Conference on Justice for Children in Europe and Central Asia (27 June), Commissioner Stefan Füle highlighted six areas in children's rights which needed to be addressed, such as prioritising rights of a child in criminal proceedings, adapting facilities for juveniles in detention, insufficient free legal aid for juveniles, and lack of specific measures for child victims. [➤ More](#)

EUROPEAN COMMISSION REPORT CALLS FOR FORWARD-LOOKING POLICIES ON MIGRATION

The report called for a more coherent EU response including reinforcing legal immigration and integration policies as well as stepping up the fight against human trafficking. There are some 20.7 million third-country nationals living in the EU (4.1% of total population). [➤ More](#)

EU MEMBER STATES GRANTED PROTECTION TO MORE THAN 100,000 ASYLUM SEEKERS IN 2012

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TRANSATLANTIC TRADE & INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (TTIP)

On 12 July, the EU and US concluded the first round of negotiations in Washington where negotiating groups set out respective approaches and ambitions in as much as twenty various areas that the TTIP is expected to cover. The second round of negotiations will take place in Brussels in October.

More:

- [Press conference by EU and US chief negotiators at the conclusion of the first round;](#)
- [EU publishes initial TTIP position papers;](#)
- [TTIP official website.](#)

Photo: European Council President Van Rompuy in discussion with US President Barack Obama at the EU-US Summit in Washington.

LATVIA TO ADOPT THE EURO ON 1 JANUARY 2014

This will extend the euro area to 18 members next year. [> More](#)

GOOD PROGRESS AT THE SECOND ROUND OF EU-JAPAN TRADE TALKS (24 JUNE – 3 JULY, TOKYO)

An agreement between the two economic giants is expected to boost Europe's economy by 0.6 to 0.8% of its GDP and will result in growth and the creation of 400.000 jobs. It is expected that EU exports to Japan could increase by 32.7%, while Japanese exports to the EU would increase by 23.5%. The next round of talks will be in Brussels on 21 – 25 October. [> More](#)

EU-KOREA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT (FTA) SEES STRONG RISE IN EU EXPORTS

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THE EU RE-OPENS ITS MARKET TO MYANMAR

As of 19 July, Myanmar/Burma is set to benefit once again from a special, advantageous trade arrangement with the EU after the country's recent efforts to improve the political, social and labour environments there. The EU will bring the country back under the so-called 'Everything But Arms' preferential trade regime which will grant duty-free and quota-free access to the European market for all products except for arms and ammunitions. [> More](#)

EURO AREA INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN GOODS SURPLUS €15.2 BILLION

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ENVIRONMENT NEWS

WAY FORWARD FOR EU CLIMATE DIPLOMACY

On 24 June, the Foreign Affairs Council adopted a set of conclusions to further mainstream climate diplomacy into EU and Member States' priority agendas. EU Foreign Ministers noted the relevance and urgency to strategically address climate change, as it affects and increasingly shapes policy agendas and outcomes in the economic and security fields. [> More](#)

EU AND CHINA TO EXPLORE TOGETHER BENEFITS OF GREEN GROWTH

Green growth is now high on the political agenda for the EU and China – both are interested in achieving sustainable growth while maintaining and improving the state of their respective environments. European Commission Vice President Antonio Tajani and Environment Commissioner Janez Potočnik, accompanied by 59 European industry associations and companies, were in China from 18 July to discuss stepping up cooperation in green growth as well as helping EU companies access the Chinese market. [> More](#) and [here](#) for the joint EU-China statement on enhanced Environmental Policy Dialogue.

EU RESOURCES

EU-MALAYSIA PUBLICATIONS

The EU Delegation annually publishes various material which gives an overview of the cooperation between the EU and Malaysia. Latest publications include the 2013 EU-Malaysia Key Facts Leaflet, Trade & Investment 2013 Booklet, Cooperation 2012 Booklet and the Study in Europe Guide for Malaysian Students. To obtain a copy, please contact delegation-malaysia-press@eeas.europa.eu

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