



NEWSLETTER

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URBAN HEROES

REGIONAL



ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE

Young 'Urban Heroes' introduce regional campaign against waste at ASEAN Mayors Forum

EU-funded representatives network with leaders for youth inclusivity in policy and decision-making

The EU supports Urban Heroes to engage, empower and connect youths, in line with the [EU waste policy](#) to protect the environment and human health throughout ASEAN.



Urban Heroes scales and replicates youth movements focused on waste issues in South-East Asia, by bringing separate actors under one regional campaign. With support from the EU, youth activists and organisations have a novel opportunity to network and take collective action for a better future for all.

VU HONG THANH | MEMBER
Zero Waste Community, Vietnam



Thanh was one of eight youth representatives for Urban Heroes at the ASEAN Mayors Forum 2023 in Jakarta, Indonesia.

FEATURES

MALAYSIA



EDUCATION, RESEARCH & INNOVATION

Over 2 500 Malaysian students introduced to EU, SDGs through school and campus visits

Preparing youths as future leaders of Malaysia, the EU steps up its outreach at 8 top-tier institutions

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PHILIPPINES



ARTS & CULTURE

Cine Europa 26 brings 28 European films to 5 cities across the Philippines

Over 6 500 people meet European culture face-to-face through the festival's physical comeback

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PHILIPPINES



ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE HUMAN RIGHTS

Filipinos introduced to Europe's diversity at first ever Euro Village

Around 5 000 sample European food, crafts, music, sports and more at 24 booths and snack kiosks

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SINGAPORE



ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE

Cycling for Sustainability as part of EU Green Week

Cyclists in Singapore celebrate Pulau Ubin's past and heritage with the EU

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VIETNAM



ARTS & CULTURE

European films showcased to over 6 600 people in Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City and Hue

19 of Europe's best cinematic works bring the Vietnamese public closer to European society and culture

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VIETNAM



HUMAN RIGHTS

EU solidarity with Vietnamese LGBTIQ+ community showcased for Pride Month

With same-sex marriage legal in 16 Member States, the EU serves as an example of freedom and equality

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EU POLICY IN FOCUS

- 1 The EU's [external strategy for culture](#) includes film festivals as a way to make **Europe, its values and its stories known around the world**.
- 2 [Erasmus+](#) provides scholarship opportunities for prospective students to nearly **5 000 higher education institutions across the EU**.
- 3 The [European Green Deal](#) fosters partnerships towards **sustainable, resource-efficient and climate neutral economies and energy systems**.
- 4 As an '[LGBTIQ Freedom Zone](#)', the EU aims to be a completely **free and safe zone for sexual minorities**.

WHAT'S ON

SEPTEMBER

INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN DAYS

European Heritage Days | September

VIETNAM

Empower Youth: Your Future is Our World

Online | 17 August - 22 September

REGIONAL

'Navigating Complexities: Building Regional Trust and Stability in the South China Sea'

AYANA Midplaza, Jakarta | 25 - 26 September

INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN DAYS

International Day of Awareness on Food Loss and Waste Reduction

29 September

SINGAPORE

Study in Europe

Capitol Piazza | 30 September

PHILIPPINES

European Higher Education Fair

Shangri-La Plaza, Mandaluyong | 30 September & 1 October

OCTOBER

VIETNAM

European Higher Education Fair

Hanoi & Ho Chi Minh City | 1 & 7 October

THAILAND

EU - ISIS Thailand Public Forum #6

Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok | 2 October

INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN DAYS

European Day Against the Death Penalty | 10 October

THAILAND

'Reflecting on Thailand's Path Towards Abolishing the Death Penalty'

Chiang Mai University, Chiang Mai | 11 October

REWATCH



YOUTUBE

**FYI - Chat Series with EU Ambassador:
Episode 5 - LGBTIQ Rights**

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