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# **URBAN HEROES**



**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**



#### **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



#### 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



## ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE HUMAN RIGHTS

**PHILIPPINES** 

#### 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



#### **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



#### 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



#### **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



#### **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.
- 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  $\&\,1\,\mathrm{October}$ 

#### **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

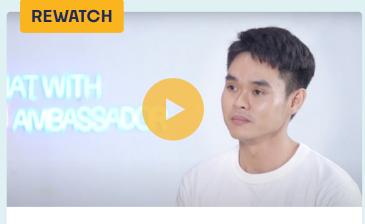
#### INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN DAYS

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



#### YOUTUBE

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

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