

# NEWSLETTER

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# NAVIGATING COMPLEXITIES

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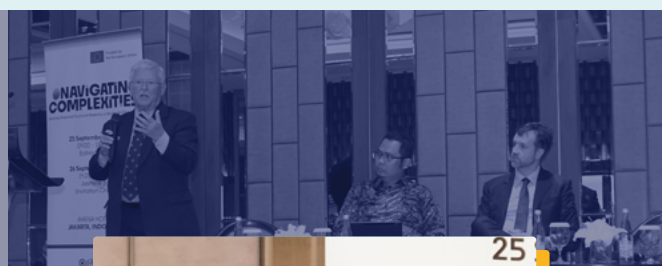
## International community deliberates way forward for trust and stability in South China Sea

Diplomats from 45 missions convene with academia, think tanks and civil society in Jakarta

The EU and Indo-Pacific countries have a stake in each other's security and prosperity, as outlined in the [EU-Indo Pacific Strategy](#). The EU supports the ASEAN-led process towards an effective and legally binding Code of Conduct in the South China Sea, which should not prejudice the interests of third parties.



**NAVIGATING COMPLEXITIES**  
Building Regional Trust and Stability in the South China Sea



Europe can and should use its economic advantage and diplomatic strengths to encourage a peaceful resolution to the disputes in the South China Sea. Whether through back-channel dialogues, sanctions, or strategic partnerships, the EU must play a more proactive role.

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Dr Rahul was a moderator at 'Navigating Complexities: Building Regional Trust and Stability in the South China Sea'.



# FEATURES

## SINGAPORE



### ARTS & CULTURE

#### Study in Europe 2023

Fair's return to Singapore in hybrid format catches attention of 2 000 visitors on-site, 15 000 online and celebrities and influencers

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## PHILIPPINES



### EDUCATION, RESEARCH & INNOVATION

#### 6 000 Filipinos explore pathways to excellence at European Higher Education Fair 2023

Hybrid event showcases Erasmus+ and other academic opportunities in the EU

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### ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE

#### 'Urban Heroes' campaign launches comic book for zero waste in ASEAN

Youth-led initiative concludes initial phase, inspiring young people to reduce food and plastic waste

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## THAILAND



### INDO-PACIFIC

#### Diplomats, academics discuss Thai foreign policy outlook under new leadership

EU reaffirms its commitment to Thailand as a key partner for the path ahead

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## THAILAND



### ARTS & CULTURE

#### Music moves the EU and Vietnam in last episode of 'FYI Chat' series

Local rap artist shares his craft to build bridges with people worldwide

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### EDUCATION, RESEARCH & INNOVATION

#### EU, ASEAN promote higher education opportunities at over 80 institutions

AEHEF 2023 advances cross-regional cooperation on student mobility and research

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## EU POLICY IN FOCUS

- 1 **Music Moves Europe** aims to promote **creativity and innovation**, and help the sector to **adapt to and benefit from digitisation**.
- 2 **Learning mobility** provides a chance for students to **expand their horizons** by going abroad to study.
- 3 The **Urban Agenda for the EU** advocates sharing **success stories and knowledge about how cities evolve**.
- 4 The EU builds partnerships that **reinforce rules-based international order** through the **EU Strategy for Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific**.

# WHAT'S ON

## OCTOBER

**INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN DAYS**  
**European Day against Death Penalty**  
10 October

**THAILAND**  
**'Reflecting on Thailand's Path Towards Abolishing the Death Penalty'**  
Chiang Mai | 11 October

**INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN DAYS**  
**World Food Day**  
16 October

**INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN DAYS**  
**World Cities Day**  
31 October

## NOVEMBER

**INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN DAYS**  
**European Day on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse** | 18 November

**INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN DAYS**  
**International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women**  
25 November

**INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN DAYS**  
**European Day of Persons with Disabilities**  
30 November & 1 December

## DECEMBER

**INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN DAYS**  
**World AIDS Day**  
1 December

**INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN DAYS**  
**EU Transport Day at COP28**  
6 December

**INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN DAYS**  
**Human Rights Day**  
10 December

## REWATCH



YOUTUBE

**FYI - Chat Series with EU Ambassador:  
Episode 6 - Feel Your Improvisation**

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