Day 1 | Opening | 22 September

09:00 WELCOME
Barbara Plinkert, European Union Ambassador to Singapore

09:15 OPENING CEREMONY
Stephen Quest, Director-General of the Joint Research Centre, European Commission
Toru Morikawa, Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation
Koji Hachiyama, Chief Operating Officer, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia
Miao Lu, Co-founder and Vice-President, Center for China and Globalization

10:00 KEYNOTE
Sustainable Connectivity – The European way
Romana Vlahutin, Ambassador-at-Large for Connectivity, European External Action Service

10:30 REAL BREAK
Take a break for a drink and some stretching.

10:40 PANEL
Asia-Europe Sustainable Connectivity: A way forward
Chair: Asad Beg, Adviser to Ambassador-at-Large for Connectivity, European External Action Service
Yeo Lay Hwee, European Union Centre, Singapore
Jesper Thomsen, Connectivity Coordinator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Denmark
Shada Islam, Managing Director New Horizons Project & Senior Advisor European Policy Centre
Frédéric Asseline, Principal Climate Finance Specialist, Asian Development Bank

12:00 VIRTUAL COFFEE SESSION
Bring your own beverage and engage on the discussion on pathways to build-back better connectivity in a post-COVID world.

12:40 POSTER EXHIBITION
Visit the poster exhibition booths showcasing the latest research on Asia-Europe sustainable connectivity. Join the live sessions on September 24.

12:40 SPEED-NETWORKING
Mingle with other participants in three minutes random chance encounters.

Day 2 | Scientific Sessions | 23 September
08:30  SPEED-NETWORKING
Mingle with other participants in three minutes random chance encounters.

09:00  KEYNOTE
Sustaining our common future and pathways for a zero-emission transition
Samuel Cross, Manager of the Aalto Energy Platform, Aalto University, Finland

09:30  SCIENTIFIC SESSION 1
People-to-People Connectivity
Chair: Diana Zahorte, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Romania to the Republic of Singapore
EU-India Cooperation in Higher Education as an Enabler of the ASEM Sustainable Connectivity
Zane Šime, Latvian Political Science Association, Latvia
Implementation People-to-People Connectivity through SHARE Scholarship to strengthen ASEAN Identity
Missy Oktavia Manullang; Yuliana Prasetyawati, LPSR Communication & Business Institute, Indonesia
The Filipino Diaspora: A comparative analysis of OFW remittances from ASEAN and EU
Maria Angela Zafra, Strategia Development Research Institute, Inc.
Advancing of the sustainable connectivity through innovation: highlighting SDG9 and SDG17
Shruti Kulkarni, Indian Institute of Science

09:30  SCIENTIFIC SESSION 2
Local Energy Markets
Chair: Christopher Len, Senior Research Fellow and Head of Publications, National University of Singapore
ASEAN EU cooperation: sharing best practices to implement regional energy interconnectivity
Fabio Indeo, Nato Defense College Foundation, Italy
Local electricity market projects in China and the EU - A comparative perspective
Helena Uhde, Center for Energy and Environmental Policy Research at Beijing Institute of Technology, China
International (inter)connectivity via interconnectors? Gas and energy market ramifications
Konrad Zawodzinski, Kozinski University, Poland

11:00  REAL BREAK
Take a break for a drink and some stretching.

11:10  VIRTUAL COFFEE SESSION
Bring your own beverage and engage on the discussion following the scientific sessions.

12:00  SPEED-NETWORKING
Mingle with other participants in three minutes random chance encounters.

Continuous  POSTER EXHIBITION
Visit the poster exhibition booths showcasing the latest research on Asia-Europe sustainable connectivity. Join the live sessions on September 24.
Day 3 | Scientific Sessions | 24 September

08:00 SPEED-NETWORKING
Mingle with other participants in three minutes random chance encounters.

08:45 POSTER EXHIBITION LIVE SESSIONS
1) Pakistan’s relations with the EU and China: On the path towards sustainable connectivity
   Agnieszka Nitza-Makowska, Collegium Civitas, Poland
2) The collaboration on IT for cultural heritage in ASEAN
   La or Kovavisaruch, National Electronics and Computer Technology Center, Thailand
3) Bridge the Cross-Culture Understanding: Study Case of BIPA Darmasiswa Program in Ambon
   Maria Martha Nikijuluw, Pattimura University, Indonesia
4) Co-Creating immersive 360° video media with a Singapore-France education collaboration
   Christoph Zimmermann; Fun Man Fung, National University of Singapore, Singapore; Xavier Coumoul; Etienne Blanc, Université de Paris, France, Thierry Koscienlaki, Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers, France; Rainer Dumke, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
5) China-EU cooperation: Towards a green(er) energy scenario in Africa
   Andrea Valente, Instituto do Oriente, Institute for Political and Strategic Studies, University of Lisbon, Portugal
6) Blockchain-based solution for the LNG industry; diversion clauses governed by smart contracts
   Jean-Christophe Finidori, HODLNG, France
7) Exploring the ASEM Sustainable Connectivity Portal
   William Becker; Ana Rita Neves, European Commission Joint Research Centre

09:30 SCIENTIFIC SESSION 3
Policy Instruments for Sustainable Connectivity
Chair: Ana Rita Neves, Policy analyst, European Commission’s Joint Research Centre
The alignment of Chinese financing with the Paris Agreement: propaganda, aspiration or reality?
   Mario Esteban Rodriguez; Lara Lázaro, Autonomous University of Madrid, Elcano Royal Institute, Spain
Partnership for Sustainability between Smallholders in Asia and Corporations in Europe
   Bustanul Arifin, University of Lampung (UNILA), Indonesia
Strengthening connectivity to design special pilot zone for paludiculture development
   Ibnu Budiman, World Resources Institute, Indonesia

09:30 SCIENTIFIC SESSION 4
Impacts of COVID-19 in ASEM’s Connectivity Agenda
Chair: George Cunningham, European External Action Service (EEAS)
The evolution of the ASEM connectivity concept
   Yeo Lay Hwee, European Union Centre, Singapore
The future of ASEM connectivity in the wake of COVID-19
   Tonchev Plamen, Institute of International Economic Relations
ASEM digital connectivity in the wake of COVID-19
   Maaike Okano-Hejmans, Netherlands Institute for International Relations ‘Clingendael’
11:00 REAL BREAK
    Take a break for a drink and some stretching.

11:10 VIRTUAL COFFEE SESSION
    Bring your own beverage and engage on the discussion following the scientific sessions.

12:00 SPEED-NETWORKING
    Mingle with other participants in three minutes random chance encounters.

Day 4 | Scientific Sessions | 25 September

08:00 SPEED-NETWORKING
    Mingle with other participants in three minutes random chance encounters.

09:00 KEYNOTE
    Clean Energy Options for Global Shipping Industry
    Roland Roesch, Deputy Director of the IRENA Innovation and Technology Centre

09:30 SCIENTIFIC SESSION 5
    Transport Connectivity
    Chair: Nicola Bianchi, Scientific attaché, Embassy of Italy to the Republic of Singapore
    The Eurasian Landbridge: implications of linking East Asian and Europe by rail
    Richard Pomfret, University of Adelaide, Australia
    Climate-Neutral Maritime Connectivity between Europe and Asia
    Plamen Tonchev, Institute of International Economic Relations, Greece
    China’s Investment in EU Ports: Assessing Geo-Economic Implications of the BRI in Maritime Europe
    Alessandro Albana, University of Bologna, Italy
    Air transport connectivity between Asia and Europe
    Panayotis Christidis, European Commission’s Joint Research Centre; Alloysius Joko Purwanto, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia
    Aerotropolis: At what cost, to whom?
    Ellen Putri Edita, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia

09:30 SCIENTIFIC SESSION 6
    Political Connectivity
    Chair: Bart Gaens, The Finnish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA)
    An inquiry into synergies and tensions between the EU’s Connectivity Strategy and China’s BRI
    Constantin Holzer, University College Cork
    Asia Europe Connectivity: Converging the Regulatory Standards and Sustainable Financing
    Anita Prakash, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)
    EU and ASEAN Cooperation on Sustainable Development: towards an alignment of regional actions plans?
    Meï-Line Le Goueff-Duong, Université de Poitiers
    Paving the road to peace and prosperity? Understanding the conflict impact of infrastructure
    Pascal Abb, Peace Research Institute Frankfurt
09:30  **SCIENTIFIC SESSION 7**  
 **Trade and Investment**

*Chair: Abdul Kaium Masud, Associate Professor, Noakhali Science and Technology University*

Enhancing Trade and Investment Facilitation for Global Value Chain Integration in Europe and Asia  
**Eleonora Salluzzi**, International Trade Centre

The Role of Global Value Chains to Strengthening the Connectivity between Europe and Asia  
**Cungki Kusdarjito**, Janabadr University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia

Coffee and Cocoa Connection: I-EU CEPA Potential Impact to Indonesian Farmers  
**Felippa Amanta**, Center for Indonesian Policy Studies, Indonesia

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11:00  **REAL BREAK**  
*Take a break for a drink and some stretching.*

11:10  **VIRTUAL COFFEE SESSION**  
*Bring your own beverage and engage on the discussion taking stock of the 4-days of AESCON and how research can support policy making.*

11:50  **CLOSING**

*Raimondo Bussi*, Acting Head of Partnership Instrument Unit, European Commission’s Service for Foreign Policy Instruments  
*Anita Prakash*, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)  
*Ana Rita Neves*, European Commission’s Joint Research Centre

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12:30  **End of the conference**

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