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# EU-Asia trade and investment connectivity

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## AEEF at a glance

The **Asia Europe Economic Forum (AEEF)** was established in 2006 as a high level forum for in-depth research-based exchanges on global issues between Asian and European policy makers and experts. In 2018 the AEEF partners were invited by Bruegel, the Brussels-based economics think-tank, to hold the forum as an official side-event of the 12th Summit of the Asia Europe Meeting (ASEM12) on 17-18 October in Brussels, Belgium. This year, the AEEF will be hosted by Bertelsmann Stiftung on 28-29 November, 2019 in Berlin, Germany, and it will focus on “EU-Asia trade and investment connectivity”.

The event is organised by this year’s local host, Bertelsmann Stiftung, together with the Asian Development Bank Institute, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP) and Shanghai Jiao Tong University on the Asian side; Bruegel and CEPII on the European side, with the contribution of the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) in Singapore.

### DAY 1 – Thursday, 28 November

**Bertelsmann Representative Office, Unter den Linden 1, 10117 Berlin**

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09:00 – 09:30

Registration and welcome coffee

09:30 – 09:45

#### **OPENING REMARKS**

Mr. Andreas ESCHE, Director, Megatrends Program, Bertelsmann Stiftung

Mr. Guntram WOLFF, Director, Bruegel

09:45 – 10:30

#### **KEYNOTE SPEECH**

*Working title: Challenges and opportunities of EU-Asia relations in times of global disruptions*

Mr. Aart DE GEUS, Chairman and CEO, Bertelsmann Stiftung

Chair: Mr. Andreas ESCHE, Director, Megatrends Program, Bertelsmann Stiftung

10:30 – 10:45

Group photo

10:45 – 11:15

Coffee and tea break

## Part I: Fact finding mission – Current drivers of EU-Asia connectivity

11:15 – 12:45

### *Countering Trump and Brexit: EU-Asia trade and investment connectivity in times of increasing economic insecurity and its macroeconomic implications*

**Chair:** Mr. Fan HE, Professor, Shanghai Jiao Tong University

Mr. Christian KASTROP, Director, Program Europe's Future, Bertelsmann Stiftung

Ms. Jing GU, Director, Centre for Rising Powers and Global Development, Institute of Developmental Studies, University of Cambridge

Mr. Sung-Hoon PARK, Professor, Korea University

Mr. Suman BERY, Non-resident Fellow, Bruegel

12:45 – 13:45

Lunch

13:45 – 15:15

### *Between cooperation and competition – EU-Asia connectivity in the era of the 4<sup>th</sup> industrial revolution*

**Chair:** Mr. John BEIRNE, Research Fellow, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)

Ms. Alessia AMIGHINI, Co-head, Asia Center, Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI)

Mr. Nicolaus HEINEN, Executive Vice President, Corporate Strategy / Chief of Staff, Deutsche Börse

Mr. Liqing ZHANG, Professor, Central University of Finance and Economics

Mr. Cheonsik WOO, Senior Fellow, Director of the Global Economy Office, Korea Development Institute

15:15 – 15:45

Coffee and tea break

15:45 – 17:15

### *Economic benefits vs. political concerns – EU-Asia investment connectivity in times of rising protectionism*

**Chair:** Mr. Chul CHUNG, Senior Vice President, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP)

Ms. Cora JUNGBLUTH, Senior Expert, Bertelsmann Stiftung

Ms. Alicia GARCIA-HERRERO, Senior Fellow, Bruegel

Mr. Dong-Hee JOE, Associate Research Fellow, KIEP

Ms. Xin YUAN, Representative to Europe at Shenzhen European Office

17:30 – 18:30

AEEF Partners' Meeting (*closed door*)

19:00 – 21:30

**DINNER**

## Day 2 – Friday, 29 November

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09:00 – 09:30	Registration and welcome coffee
09:30 – 09:35	<b>WELCOME AND WRAP-UP DAY 1</b> Mr. Andreas ESCHE, Director, Megatrends Program, Bertelsmann Stiftung
09:35 – 10:15	<b><i>Macroeconomic implications of demographic change in the EU and Asia</i></b>  <b>Chair:</b> Mr. John BEIRNE, Research Fellow, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)  Mr. Naoyuki YOSHINO, Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) <i>via video</i> Mr. Thieß PETERSEN, Senior Advisor, Megatrends Program, Bertelsmann Stiftung
10:15 – 10:30	Coffee and tea break
	<b>Part II: The EU and Multilateralism – Implications for EU-Asia connectivity</b>
10:30 – 11:30	<b><i>Partner and competitor? The role of EU-China relations in global multilateralism</i></b>  <b>Chair:</b> Ms. Alicia GARCIA-HERRERO, Senior Fellow, Bruegel  Keynote speech: Mr. Ken WU, Ambassador of China to Germany Keynote comment: Mr. Jean PISANI-FERRY, Senior Fellow, Bruegel; Professor, Hertie School of Governance, European University Institute, Sciences Po
11:30 – 12:30	<b><i>CLOSING SESSION</i></b> <b><i>Which way forward? EU-Asian trade and investment connectivity in times of global disruption</i></b>  <b>Chair:</b> Mr. Guntram WOLFF, Director, Bruegel  Mr. Sébastien JEAN, Director, CEPII Ms. Haihong GAO, Senior fellow, Director, Department of International Finance, Institute of World Economics and Politics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
12:30 – 12:45	<b>FINAL REMARKS</b> Mr. Yannick BINEAU, Director of the Governance and Economy Department, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)
12:45 – 13:30	Lunch