

EU'S STRATEGY FOR CONNECTING EUROPE AND ASIA

Lecture by H.E. Barbara Plinkert, Ambassador of the European Union to Singapore

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S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University
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Abstract

With sustainable, comprehensive and rules-based connectivity at its core, the European Union's Connectivity Strategy aims for a better connected Europe and Asia through transport links, energy, human and digital networks. The strategy, announced in September last year, draws on the EU's experience of enhancing connectivity within its own borders and in its immediate neighbourhood. More sustainable connectivity helps people enjoy higher standards of living while creating more opportunities for education, cross-collaboration, research and promoting cultural exchange.

In her lecture, H.E. Barbara Plinkert will talk about the wide-ranging impact, areas of enhanced EU-ASEAN collaboration as well as benefits of the EU Connectivity Strategy for the region.

Speaker

H.E. Barbara Plinkert began her term as the EU Ambassador to Singapore in 2017 - a historically significant year as the EU turned 60 and ASEAN 50; and the EU and ASEAN marked 40 years of ties. Prior to her assignment in Singapore, Ambassador Plinkert was Head of Division responsible for Headquarters Security and EEAS Security Policy at the European External Action Service in Brussels. Before that, she served in various positions in different parts of the world. From 2011-2015, she was based in Addis Ababa as Deputy Head of the EU Delegation to Ethiopia. She has held key positions within the EU with postings in Zimbabwe, Tajikistan and Kazakhstan. Between 1998 and 2003 she worked for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, which took her to Afghanistan.



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