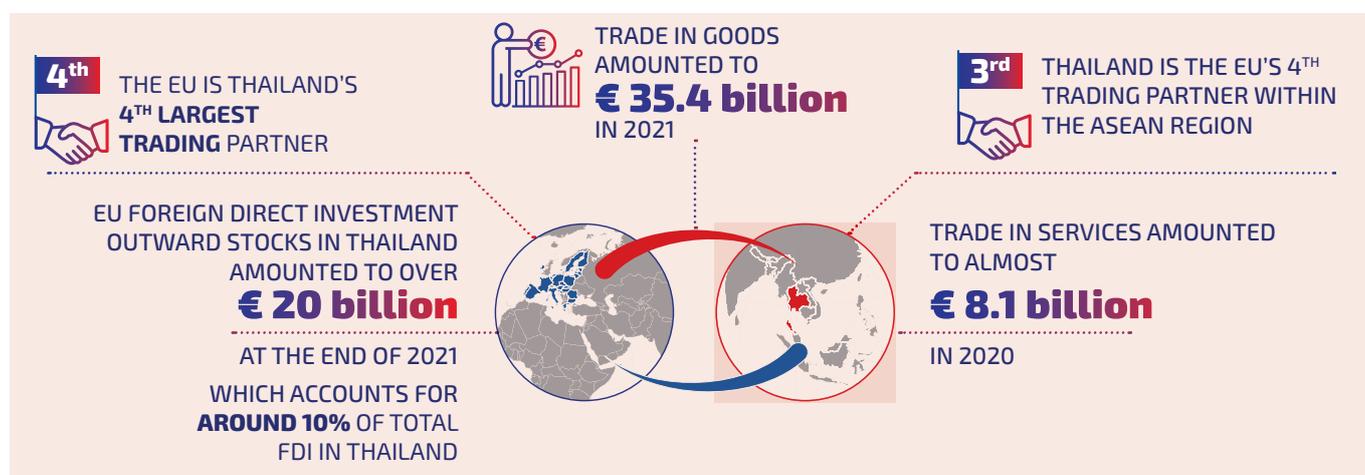




EU-THAILAND RELATIONS

PARTNERSHIP AND COOPERATION AGREEMENT

The EU and Thailand are longstanding partners in Asia. They are working together in support of the rules based international order and to advance mutual prosperity and growth as well as regional stability in South-East Asia.



NEW FRAMEWORK FOR COOPERATION

The EU and Thailand signed a Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA) on 14 December 2022. The PCA will enhance political dialogue and cooperation on a wide number of policy areas.

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The PCA will be underpinned by the EU's Global Gateway strategy and the EU Strategy on the Indo-Pacific. The EU will support cooperation with Thailand through a Cooperation Facility with €20 million for the period of 2021-2027, as well as regional programmes worth €180 million. The Cooperation Facility will support policy dialogues and cooperation on a wide range of issues and with a diversity of stakeholders relevant to EU-Thailand relations.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND CONNECTIVITY

Human rights, public health, sustainable financing, SDG's, infrastructure, educational links



ECONOMIC COOPERATION

Agriculture, transport, food systems, supply chains, digital solutions, transparency, efficiency



CLIMATE, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Circular economy, climate change, green transition, renewable energy, energy efficiency, deforestation



EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

People-to-people connectivity, culture, Erasmus+, Horizon Europe, technology



DECENT WORK

Labour rights, labour migration, employment, human security, fight against corruption

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND CONNECTIVITY

The PCA and the Global Gateway Strategy will increase cooperation on sustainable development, sustainable finance, and sustainable connectivity. The European Investment Bank (EIB) is ready to cooperate with Thai authorities on these subjects. Thailand is coordinating ASEAN efforts on Sustainable Development, the 2030 agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Thailand co-chairs with the EU the ASEAN-EU Dialogue on Sustainable Development.

Sustainable Connectivity through Global Gateway

During the EU-ASEAN Summit, the EU launched a Global Gateway Flagship Team Europe Initiative to enhance cooperation with ASEAN on trade and sustainable value chains; economic, transport, energy and digital connectivity; and on people-to-people connectivity in the area of higher education.

The Initiative will build on existing cooperation programmes, such as the regional integration and trade facilitation programme [ARISE+](#) and the higher education cooperation programme [SHARE](#).



DECENT WORK

The PCA will enhance exchanges between the EU and Thailand on labour related issues, circular economy, as well as sustainable consumption and production. Other areas of cooperation include labour migration, business and human rights as well as decent work in global supply chains.

Thailand is as important partner for the EU on labour-related matters as it is one of few countries in Asia who have launched a bilateral Labour Dialogue with the objective to promote decent work through closer cooperation, exchange of best practices and mutual learning.

CLIMATE, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

The PCA ensures increased cooperation and exchange of best practices in bilateral and multilateral fora to resolve climate, energy, environmental and biodiversity challenges. EU-Thailand cooperation will focus on the development of renewable energies, and energy efficiency, as well as green technologies necessary for a fair and clean energy transition.

Regional cooperation

The EU and Thailand cooperate at regional level through ASEAN, including through the EU-ASEAN High-Level Dialogue on Environment and Climate Change and the Enhanced Regional EU-ASEAN Dialogue Instrument (E-READI). There is also a Green Team Europe Initiative launched by the European Union last year in partnership with South East Asia.

At the EU-ASEAN Commemorative Summit, both sides also established an EU-ASEAN Energy Dialogue.

The EU and Thailand are exploring further cooperation on the sustainable management of forests.



Illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing (IUU)

The EU has developed cooperation on Illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing with Thailand, which facilitated the adoption of a legislative and regulatory framework designed to effectively combat these practices.

EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

EU-Thailand cooperation on higher education, research and innovation provides a valuable contribution to mutual socio-economic development.

In September 2022, the EU and Thailand signed an administrative arrangement to promote cooperation on frontier science and to support Thai researchers' participation in research projects funded by the European Research Council.



50 THAI RESEARCHERS BENEFITTED FROM EU HORIZON 2020 FUNDING



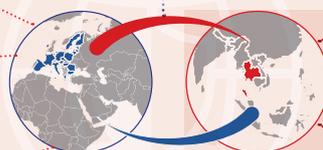
THAILAND WAS THE **3RD LARGEST CONTRIBUTOR** IN ASIA TO ERASMUS+ CAPACITY BUILDING IN HIGHER EDUCATION ACTION (CBHE) PROJECTS (2015-2020)



MORE THAN 2,000 THAI STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS HAVE TAKEN PART IN THE ERASMUS+ INTERNATIONAL CREDIT MOBILITY SCHEME



30 OF THE THAI PARTICIPANTS IN HORIZON 2020 WERE REPRESENTED BY MSCA



91 SCHOLARSHIP-WINNERS FROM THAILAND TOOK PART IN ERASMUS MUNDUS JOINT MASTER DEGREES (EMJMDS)



15 PROJECTS INVOLVING THAILAND HAVE ALREADY BEEN GRANTED FUNDING UNDER THE FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME HORIZON EUROPE (2021 - 2027)