

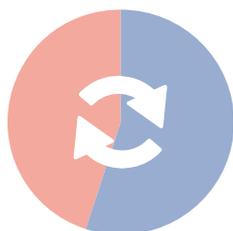
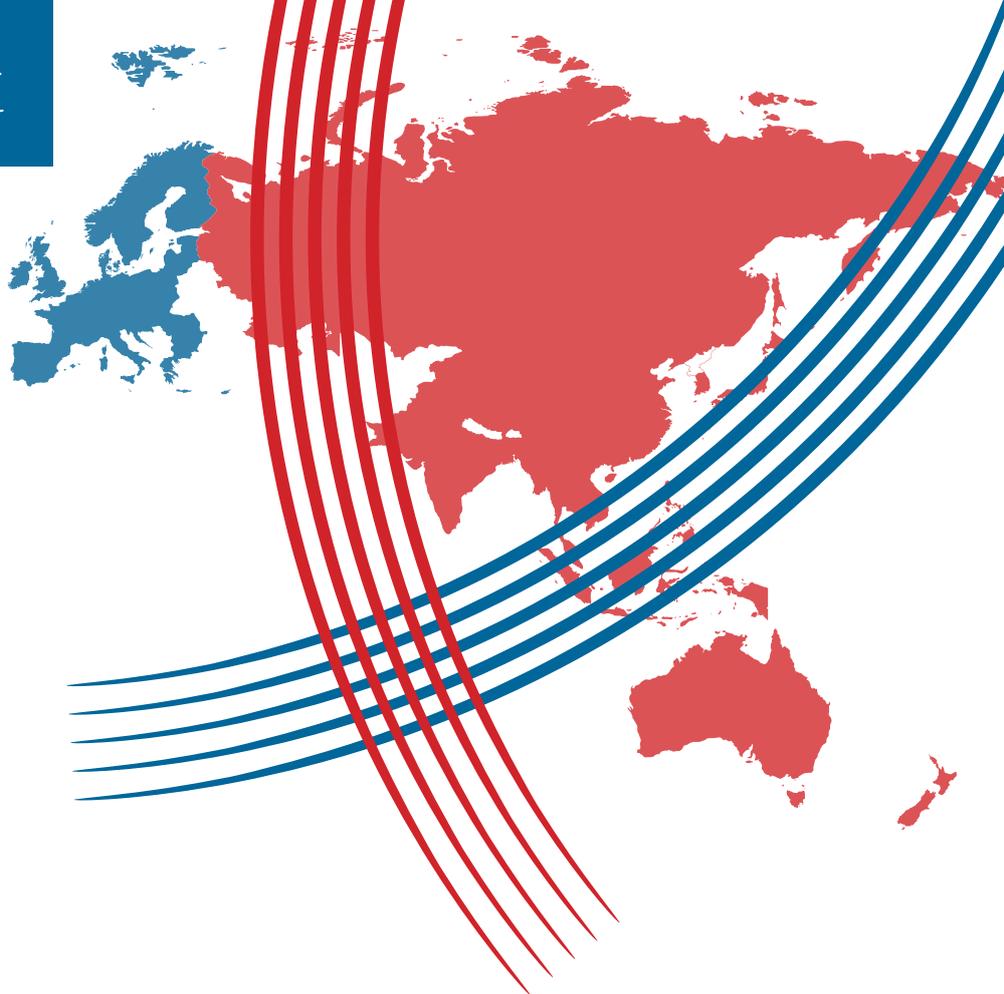
ASEM factsheet

The Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) is a unique, informal platform for dialogue and cooperation between Asia and Europe.

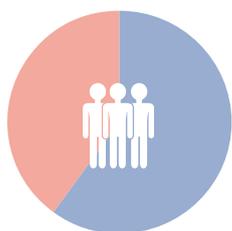
ASEM allows policymakers to exchange views on challenges across the 3 ASEM pillars:

- *political issues,*
- *economic and financial issues,*
- *social and cultural issues.*

ASEM covers areas, such as connectivity, trade and investment, climate change, in addition to broad security concerns such as counterterrorism, migration, maritime security and cyber issues.



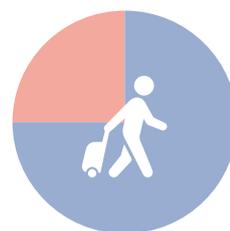
55%
global trade



60%
global population



65%
global GDP



75%
global tourism

12th ASEM Summit “Global Partners for Global Challenges”, Brussels 18-19 October 2018

The 12th ASEM Summit (ASEM12), with the theme “Global Partners for Global Challenges”, will be held in Brussels on 18-19 October 2018. This Summit comes at a time of increasing interactions between the two continents with a growing number of trade and cooperation agreements, as well as stronger common engagement on security cooperation.

In a world of accelerating changes, the ASEM12 Summit represents a unique opportunity for the European and Asian ASEM partners to engage on political, economic and cultural topics. ASEM12 will be the most significant Europe-Asia gathering in 2018 and the largest summit in Brussels this year. The Summit will be chaired and hosted by the President of the European Council; the President of the European Commission, who will be accompanied by the High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, will also participate.

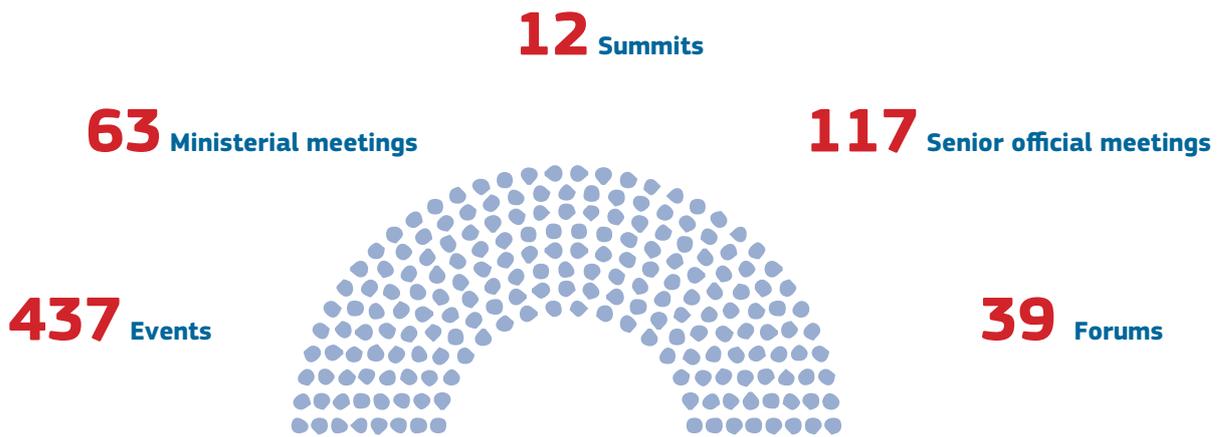
Connectivity will be discussed at length during the ASEM12 Summit and the EU will present a visual tool (the Sustainable Connectivity Portal) assessing Connectivity between ASEM partners. The Portal has been developed by the European Commission’s Joint Research Centre, in close collaboration with Asian and European connectivity experts.



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The 3 pillars of ASEM

Political

Important issues and challenges affecting both continents, including the fight against terrorism, common responses to international security threats, global environmental issues, management of migratory flows, human rights, welfare of women and children, etc.

Economic and Financial

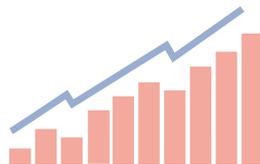
Promoting growth and employment, enhancing cooperation on global financial issues, dialogue in priority industrial sectors, fostering connectivity between the two regions, etc.

Social and Cultural

A wide range of enhanced contacts and dialogue between the two regions on topics such as education, social protection and employment, and co-operation on the protection of cultural heritage.



Common responses to climate change



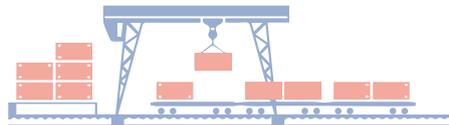
Promoting growth and employment together



Joint scientific research



Fighting together against terrorism



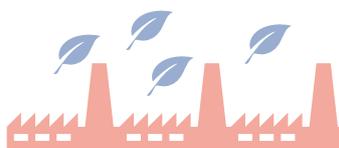
Trading with each other



Students exchanges



A common vision of peace and prosperity



Building a sustainable economy together



Sharing common values