



# Closing event of the FP7 SEA-EU-NET project

*Brussels/Belgium, 27 April 2017*

## Objectives

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Southeast Asia and Europe have established a strong partnership in S&T for years. The FP7 funded SEA-EU-NET project (see [www.sea-eu.net](http://www.sea-eu.net)) has been working since 2008 to expand scientific collaboration between Europe and Southeast Asia (SEA) in a more strategic and coherent manner. The project was funded in two phases (2008-2012 and 2012 to 2017) and will come to an end in April 2017. The main activities of the project have been

- Continuing and intensifying the bi-regional dialogue between EU and ASEAN S&T policy makers on Senior Officials level as well as creating an annual exchange forum for researchers, innovation stakeholders, policy makers and private business to improve EU-SEA cooperation and exchange through the series of the ASEAN-EU Science, Technology and Innovation Days
- Jointly tackling societal challenges in the fields of Health, Food Security and Safety as well as Water Management with relevance to both regions by organising events and workshops, providing fellowships for young researchers and conducting studies on future collaboration potentials
- Informing the Southeast Asian research community on the Horizon 2020 programme as well as increasing the level of Southeast Asian participation in Horizon 2020
- Completing detailed analytical work on the current state of EU-SEA S&T relations and innovation potentials and developing recommendations on how to strengthen the relationship and feeding these into the official dialogue process

The closing event aims to provide an overview on the activities and results of the project and tries to assess the impact of it. It will also show selected project activities that will continue in the future

The event will include a round table discussion on the future of S&T relations between Southeast Asia and Europe.

## Agenda; 27 April 2017

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13:00 Start of registration (Coffee/Snacks)

**14:00 Welcome words**

*Mr. Kostas Glinos, Head of unit, DG RTD, European Commission*

**14:15 – 15:30 Session 1: Activities, results and impact of the SEA-EU-NET project**

- Overview on project activities and results  
*Mr. Christoph Elineau, DLR/Germany, SEA-EU-NET project coordinator*
- Presentation and discussion of main activity areas
  - A: Political EU-ASEAN dialogue and stakeholder platform  
*Mr. Arnaud Lalo, CNRS/France*
  - B: Thematic actions (Food, Health, Water)  
*Mr. Anil Kumar Anal, AIT/Thailand*
  - C: Science and Innovation policy  
*Mr. Svend Otto Remoe, Research Council of Norway*
- Impact assessment  
*Mr. Dietmar Lampert, ZSI/Austria*
- Q & A

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break

**16:00 – 17:30 Session 2: Future S&T cooperation between Southeast Asia and Europe**

- Roundtable discussion “Future S&T cooperation between Southeast Asia and Europe”;  
*Moderator: Mr. Rudie Trienes, KNAW, The Netherlands*
- Participants:
  - *Mr. Kostas Glinos, DG RTD, European Commission*
  - *Ms. Pattharaporn Suntharasaj, NSTDA, Thailand*
  - *Mr. Gerold Heinrichs, DLR, Germany*
  - *Mr. Dudi Hidayat, LIPI, Indonesia*
  - *Mr. Le Xuan Dinh, NASATI, Vietnam*
- 5 Key questions:
  - “Which thematic priorities are the most pressing and important to jointly tackle?”
  - “How can we ensure that political will for cooperation is translated into financial resources and operational tools?”
  - “How can it be ensured that EU/SEA cooperation remains high on the political agenda?”
  - “Is there an interest and opportunity in SEA to participate in European Joint Programming Initiatives?”
  - “What role can/should Europe take in promoting more comprehensive cooperation in R&D and innovation with SEA?”

17:30 Closing remarks (DLR)

17:45 Reception