THE EU: PROMOTING OUR VALUES ABROAD

SAFEGUARDING FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS ACROSS THE WORLD TO PROMOTE A FAIR AND TOLERANT EU

The EU leads the way in creating a global society that cherishes human and civil rights, privacy, and diversity of thought.

- **Protect religious diversity** and promote peaceful coexistence of faith across the world by fostering exchanges between European and foreign believers and non-believers
- **Fight racism and discrimination against LGBTI persons** by bringing together lawmakers, influencers, students, government officials, and religious leaders from the EU, Taiwan, and Hong Kong
- Promote and facilitate sustainable cultural exchanges, people-to-people activities, and co-creation processes between Europeans and citizens from countries all over the world through the Cultural Relations Platform
- Bring together European and foreign disability experts, lawyers, volunteers, and civil society representatives to ensure people with disabilities are integrated into society

“It was interesting to see how the pursuit of diversity works in different countries. Joining this [Global Cultural Leadership] programme made me understand that Europe is as dynamic, politically and culturally diverse as the United States.”

Edgar Garcia of Los Angeles, who participated in the Global Cultural Leadership Programme, part of the Cultural Diplomacy/Cultural Relations Platform

€5m

HOW DOES THE EU PROTECT OUR EUROPEAN WAY OF LIFE?

THE EU USES ITS PARTNERSHIP INSTRUMENT TO BUILD ALLIANCES AND PARTNERSHIPS ACROSS THE WORLD TO:

- SAFEGUARD FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS ACROSS THE WORLD TO PROMOTE A FAIR AND TOLERANT EU
- FIGHT ORGANISED CRIME AND SECURITY THREATS TO ENSURE A SAFER EU
- PROTECT EU CONSUMERS FROM UNSAFE PRODUCTS
- ADVANCE DIALOGUE ON MIGRATION AND MOBILITY
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The EU protects its citizens’ way of life against security threats at home and abroad by enhancing international partners’ contribution to combat crime.

- Rally Asian partners to counter terrorism, prevent conflicts, and ensure maritime security through peer-to-peer mentoring, high-level and informal dialogues, and educational trips to EU security and defence missions
- Strengthen coordination between judicial systems to facilitate access by EU law enforcement officials to electronic evidence held by US-based internet providers

The EU’s co-chairmanship of the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) helps advance regional security in Asia, thereby protecting EU citizens’ way of life

€7.3m

PROTECTING EU CONSUMERS FROM UNSAFE PRODUCTS BY MAKING SURE THAT TRADING PARTNERS FOLLOW EU SAFETY STANDARDS

The EU protects and empowers consumers by reinforcing the safety of goods, services, and food, and ensures compliance with EU consumer rules.

- Facilitate the alignment of Chinese manufacturers, exporters, officials, and e-commerce operators with EU non-food product safety standards through e-learning, training sessions, and conferences
- Support convergence of Asian phytosanitary and food safety standards with those of the EU through technical dialogues and expert visits between EU and Asian officials, thereby creating business opportunities for EU companies

Through the Cross-border access to electronic evidence (SIRIUS) project, the EU has drafted 16 guidelines on electronic evidence held by US online service providers for EU law enforcement agencies, as well as IT tools to facilitate online investigations

€1.6m

ADVANCING DIALOGUE ON MIGRATION AND MOBILITY

The EU is tackling migration and refugee challenges by supporting partner and host countries, and fostering dialogue with partners to maximise the contribution of talent mobility to our economies.

- Partner with Argentina and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and the International Organization for Migration to support receiving communities to integrate migrants and refugees
- Support the fight against irregular migration and human trafficking through training sessions
- Promote talent mobility and sound management of migration between the EU and India while fighting irregular migration

The EU-India Cooperation and Dialogue on Migration and Mobility provided guidance on the integration of regular migrants in Italy

€2.5m

Okba Aziza, 33 years old and a Syrian refugee, is now an English teacher in Argentina, thanks to the Strengthening international protection, reception, and reception of refugees in Argentina project

€2m

“Many EU-based companies are housed in Pune [in India]. With those companies came investment, technology as well as talent. Migration and mobility also happened the other way round. With sectors like IT, Pune also sent its talent to European Union countries to further enhance their productivity.”

Prashant Girbane, Director General, Mahratta Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Agriculture, who attended a 1.5 day seminar on talent mobility