



# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## EU-ABC WEBINARS & ACTIVITIES

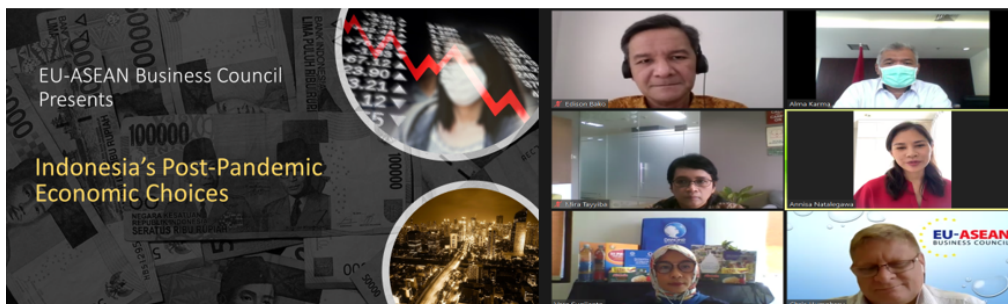
As we get accustomed and settled into the new normal, the team at EU-ASEAN Business Council has, as always been working tirelessly to stay connected to our members.

In August, the team organised two webinars, namely, **Indonesia's Post-Pandemic Economic Choices** and **EU-ASEAN Relations Post-Pandemic: Views From The Frontline** bringing to members discussions on subject matters of concern and relevant to this time of uncertainty.

We are also pleased to include 6 members to our **Interview Series** this month, connecting and understanding a bit more about what they do and also receiving expert knowledge and insights on trending topics relevant to their industries.

Upcoming, the team has in the pipeline a series of webinars and the mission trip to Malaysia, albeit virtually, which will still be ongoing.

## Webinar - Indonesia's Post-Pandemic Economic Choices



With rising uncertainty about the ramifications of COVID-19, the high contagious virus on Indonesia, ASEAN's largest economy, the country is expected to cope with growing risk aversion, flight to quality and sudden capital reversals.

To better understand the situation, the EU-ASEAN Business Council, together with Eurocham Indonesia, put together the webinar **Indonesia's Post-Pandemic Economic Choices** to discuss how the country's economic choices can help drive sustainable and more inclusive economic growth on 3 August.

## Panelists:

- **Ikmal Lukman**

Deputy Chairman for Investment Promotion, [Indonesia Investment Coordinating Board \(BKPM\)](#).

- **Mira Tayyiba**

Expert Staff in Digital Transformation, Creativity and Human Resources, [Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs](#)

- **Edison Bako**

Executive Director, [Eurocham Indonesia](#)

- Vera Galuh Ukraina

VP General Secretary – Indonesia, [Danone](#)

**Moderator:**

- Annisa Natalegawa

Partner and Managing Director, [Asia Group Advisors](#)

**For more information on the webinar, click [here](#)**

**To view the webinar, click [here](#)**

## Webinar - EU-ASEAN Relations Post-Pandemic: Views From The Frontline



The EU-ASEAN Business Council organised a much anticipated webinar, **EU-ASEAN Relations Post-Pandemic: Views From The Frontline** webinar which saw over 200 registrations on 12 August.

We had the honor of having Singapore's Ambassador to the EU and EU's Ambassador to ASEAN join us on an engaging and lively discussion on EU-ASEAN's strategic partnership and the prospects of taking a long standing relationship of over 40 years to the next step, during and beyond this uncertain period brought on by the pandemic.

**Panelists:**

- **HE Ambassador Igor Driesmans**

*EU Ambassador to ASEAN*

- **Jaya Ratnam**

*Ambassador of Singapore to the European Union, Belgium and the Netherlands*

**Moderator:**

- **Chris Humphrey**

*Executive Director, EU ASEAN Business Council*

**For more information on the webinar, click [here](#)**

**To view the webinar, click [here](#)**

**Media clip released:**

<https://www.eu-asean.eu/media-coverage?wix-vod-video-id=a8f4c5e014b243e6b600883bef13a9dc&wix-vod-comp-id=comp-js1eycin>

## EU-ASEAN Business Council Interview Series

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Since the launch of our **Interview Series** on 16 June, the EU-ASEAN Business Council is pleased to share that we've featured 13 members and counting, providing insights, sharing expert knowledge on a varied number of trending topics and a bit more about what they do.

## EU-ASEAN Business Council Interview Series

### Don Kanak

Chairman, Eastspring Investments,  
Chairman, Prudence Foundation and  
Chairman, EU-ASEAN Business  
Council



## EU-ASEAN Business Council Interview Series

### Johan de Villiers

Managing Director  
ABB Singapore



## EU-ASEAN Business Council Interview Series

### Sharon Ooi

Managing Director and Head of  
Property & Casualty (P&C)  
Underwriting, Asia Pacific  
Swiss Re



## EU-ASEAN Business Council Interview Series

### Martin Hayes

President  
Bosch Southeast Asia  
Vice Chairman  
EU-ASEAN Business Council



## EU-ASEAN Business Council Interview Series

### Stanimira Koleva

SVP and General Manager of APAC  
HERE Technologies



## EU-ASEAN Business Council Interview Series

### Rachel Frizberg

Area Head APAC  
Roche Pharma International



## EU-ASEAN Business Council Interview Series

### Rachel Barger

President and Managing Director  
SAP Southeast Asia



## EU-ASEAN Business Council Interview Series

### Stuart Tait

Regional Head of Commercial  
Banking, Asia Pacific  
HSBC



## EU-ASEAN Business Council Interview Series

### Andrew Naylor

Executive Director of ASEAN  
World Gold Council



## EU-ASEAN Business Council Interview Series

### Raymond Yee

Vice President - Customs and  
Regulatory Affairs  
DHL Express



## EU-ASEAN Business Council Interview Series

### Frank Debets

Managing Partner, Customs and  
International Trade at PwC  
Worldtrade Management Services,  
PwC Singapore





Keen to be a part of our 3 minute, 3 question video interview series? Contact us at [info@eu-asean.eu](mailto:info@eu-asean.eu) to find out more.

## IN THE NEWS

Press articles, opinion pieces and media clips released:

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<https://www.tribunnews.com/bea-cukai/2020/08/24/ini-beberapa-keputusan-penting-hasil-pertemuan-virtual-administrasi-kepabeanan-se-asean>

For full listing of media coverage, please click [here](#)

## EU-ABC UPCOMING ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS

Virtual Mission Trip





**Malaysia Mission Trip**  
**Date: 21 - 25 September**

The EU-ASEAN Business Council is organising a virtual mission trip to Malaysia to meet with the following Ministries and organisations:

- Ministry of Finance
- Ministry of International Trade and Investment
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation
- Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs

Members, please indicate your interest to attend at [info@eu-asean.eu](mailto:info@eu-asean.eu).

- EU-ABC MNC Members have free access to virtual mission trips in 2020.
- Non-member companies who wish to join the delegation MUST qualify for EU-ABC membership to attend at a charge of SG\$500.

**EU-ASEAN Business Summit**



ASEAN-EU Business Summit  
2020

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19 November 2020  
Fullerton Hotel, Singapore

Save the date! The EU-ASEAN Business Summit is back for its 8th edition with an exciting programme line-up of keynote speeches and panel discussions featuring high-ranking government officials, prominent business leaders and high profile thought leaders, ending with a closing keynote by H.E. Chan Chun Sing, Minister for Trade and Industry, Singapore.

**More details to follow!**



## Where Will the Road to Electric Vehicles Lead in ASEAN

Date: 9 September 2020  
Time: 3pm – 4pm (SGT)

It all starts with a vision. "The city car of the future will be small, electric, shared by multiple individuals and eventually drive autonomously." Paris Climate Agreement's guidelines show that at least 20 percent of all cars on the road will need to be electrically powered by 2030 in order to achieve commitments made to address climate change.

***More details to follow***

### A Three Part Digital Webinar Series

Sponsored by: **SAP**

EU-ASEAN Business Council Presents

## COVID-19 and ASEAN's Digital Transformation

*a three-part webinar series on ASEAN economies and digitalisation in a post-pandemic world*

Date: 16 September 2020  
Time: 4pm – 5pm (SGT)

Sponsored by: **SAP**

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### Banking on Digital Inclusivity in ASEAN, Post Pandemic

*a three-part webinar series on ASEAN economies and digitalisation in a post-pandemic world*

Date: 23 September 2020  
Time: 4pm – 5pm (SGT)

Sponsored by: **SAP**

EU-ASEAN Business Council Presents

### Future of E-Commerce in ASEAN, Post Pandemic

*a three-part webinar series on ASEAN economies and digitalisation in a post-pandemic world*

Date: 30 September 2020  
Time: 4pm – 5pm (SGT)

***Keep a lookout for more details!***



**Rong Yi**  
Principal, Greater China  
health-care analytics  
Milliman



**Song Deng**  
Director, finance  
Taikang Insurance  
Group



**Eduardo Banzon**  
Principal health specialist  
Asian Development Bank



**Charles Goddard**  
Editorial director  
The Economist Group



**Register today**

September 15th 2020, 3pm SGT | 12.30pm IST

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Covid-19 has tested every country's healthcare system like never before. It has shone a light on the weaknesses in many and showcased areas of excellence in others. The latent demand for health services as we settle into the new normal will put additional short-term pressure on health systems and force them to continue to adapt radically and rapidly.

This virtual panel discussion, hosted by The Economist, will explore the impacts of covid-19 on health financing. What are the health financing implications of Covid-19 across Asia-Pacific? What long-term planning or solutions should governments be considering to mitigate risks? Are current financing mechanisms sustainable? What innovative financing models are available?

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