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# EU-ASEAN Sustainable Connectivity Package Higher Education Programme (SCOPE-HE)

# Overview

Name of Action	EU-ASEAN Sustainable Connectivity Package Higher Education Programme (SCOPE-HE)
Commissioned by	European Union
Partnering with	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
Implementer	Nuffic – The Dutch organisation for internationalisation in education
Implementing Partner	DAAD – German Academic Exchange Service
Programme Region	EU and ASEAN Member States
Duration	February 2024 – January 2028
Value	EUR 9.300.000

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

<p><b>4</b> QUALITY EDUCATION</p> 	<p><b>5</b> GENDER EQUALITY</p> 	<p><b>8</b> DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH</p> 	<p><b>13</b> CLIMATE ACTION</p> 
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# Objective



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- The SCOPE-HE Programme is part of the EU-ASEAN Sustainable Connectivity Package.
- Aims to improve sustainable connectivity between the EU and ASEAN and within ASEAN.
- The programme builds on the successes of the EU Support to Higher Education Programme in the ASEAN Region (SHARE) and ERASMUS+.
- The programme involves representatives from all ASEAN Member States.

# Focus Area



- The EU and ASEAN have pledged to promote connectivity within and between their regions, with a particular emphasis on **sustainability, climate action, digital transformation, and gender equality.**
- Intra-regional mobility and people-to-people connectivity have been one of the avenues through which community building has been pursued in Southeast Asia, as stipulated in the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity 2025, and the ASEAN Socio-cultural Community Blueprint 2025.

# Key Activities

## Academic Mobility Pilar

Facilitate dialogue, consensus-building, and collaboration among key ASEAN institutions.

- Hold policy dialogues to discuss study findings and share best practices in educational services and the recognition of academic and professional qualifications.

Provide technical assistance and capacity-building.

- Conduct comparability studies on reference systems between ASEAN and EU frameworks.
- Organise workshops and events to build capacity in higher education and disseminate comparative study results.



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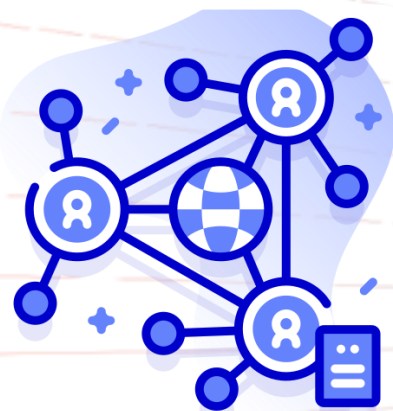
## University Network Pillar

Support for EU-ASEAN university networks to foster research connectivity.

- Develop EU-ASEAN university networks.
- Prioritise research activities in the green transition, digital transformation, and the blue economy, fostering research collaboration.

Facilitate dialogues among higher education and research institutions to strengthen EU-ASEAN university networks.

- Organise networking and capacity-building activities for EU-ASEAN university students.
- Implement mobility schemes for doctoral students and researchers.
- Hold thematic research symposia for EU-ASEAN university networks.



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# Key Activities

## Vocational Network Pillar

Facilitate dialogue between vocational education institutions and the private sector to improve graduate employability

- Conduct a study on graduate employability from vocational education institutions and map private sector engagement in ASEAN's agricultural sector
- Organise multi-stakeholder "Closing the Gap" workshops to enhance TVET-private sector connectivity.

Provide capacity building to strengthen the regional network of vocational educational institutions and the private sector

- Design and implement an ASEAN-wide Labour Market Insight (LMI) website
- Develop and manage capacity building through an EU-ASEAN online connectivity mentoring platform.
- Hold an Intra-Regional Connectivity Innovation Competition for ASEAN TVET.



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# Key Activities

## Vocational Network Pillar

Provide capacity development to vocational education and training (VET) institutions with a focus on green transition and digitalisation.

- Implement a capacity building programme for TVET institutions across ASEAN to increase local private sector connections.
- Launch a capacity building initiative from the EU focusing on the application of triple/quadruple helix models in TVET sector projects.



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# Expected Results

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Strengthened student and academic mobility in line with the relevant ASEAN strategy and action plan in this area

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Stronger EU-ASEAN cross-regional University Networks to jointly tackle global challenges by fostering research and technological connectivity

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Stronger ASEAN regional network of Vocational Education Institutions and businesses focusing on the “green transition”, “sustainability”, and “digitalisation”



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