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AEEF at a glance

The Asia Europe Economic Forum (AEEF) was established in 2006 as a high level forum for in-depth research-based exchanges on global issues between Asian and European policy makers and experts. In 2018 the AEEF partners were invited by Bruegel, the Brussels-based economics think-tank, to hold the forum as an official side-event of the 12th Summit of the Asia Europe Meeting (ASEM12) on 17-18 October in Brussels, Belgium. This year, the AEEF will be hosted by Bertelsmann Stiftung on 28-29 November, 2019 in Berlin, Germany, and it will focus on “EU-Asia trade and investment connectivity”.

The event is organised by this year’s local host, Bertelsmann Stiftung, together with the Asian Development Bank Institute, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP) and Shanghai Jiaotong University on the Asian side; Bruegel and CEPII on the European side, with the contribution of the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) in Singapore.

DAY 1 – Thursday, 28 November
Bertelsmann Representative Office, Unter den Linden 1, 10117 Berlin

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Part I: Fact finding mission – Current drivers of EU-Asia connectivity

11:15 – 12:45 Countering Trump and Brexit: EU-Asia trade and investment connectivity in times of increasing economic insecurity and its macroeconomic implications
12:45 – 13:45  
Lunch

13:45 – 15:15  
**Between cooperation and competition – EU-Asia connectivity in the era of the 4th industrial revolution**

**Chair:** Mr John BEIRNE, Research Fellow, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)

Ms Alessia AMIGHINI, Co-head, Asia Center, Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI)
Mr Nicolaus HEINEN, Executive Vice President, Corporate Strategy / Chief of Staff, Deutsche Börse
Mr Liqing ZHANG, Professor, Central University of Finance and Economics
Mr Cheonsik WOO, Korea Development Institute

15:15 – 15:45  
Coffee and tea break

15:45 – 17:15  
**Economic benefits vs. political concerns – EU-Asia investment connectivity in times of rising protectionism**

**Chair:** Mr. Jae-Young LEE, President, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP)

Ms Cora JUNGBLUTH, Senior Expert, Bertelsmann Stiftung
Ms Alicia GARCIA-HERRERO, Senior Fellow, Bruegel
Mr Dong-Hee JOE, Associate Research Fellow, KIEP
Ms Xin YUAN, Representative to Europe at Shenzhen European Office
Day 2 – Friday, 29 November
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08:30 – 09.00
Registration and welcome coffee

Part II: The EU’s relations with the United States and China – Implications for EU-Asia connectivity

09:00 – 10:00
**Beyond trade wars? Prospects for EU-US relations in challenging times**

*Chair: Ms Alicia GARCIA-HERRERO, Senior Fellow, Bruegel*

Keynote speech: Mr Dennis SHEA, Deputy United States Trade Representative and U.S. Permanent Representative to the WTO
Keynote comment: Arancha GONZALEZ, Executive Director, International Trade Center

10:00 – 10:30
Coffee and tea break

10:30 – 11:30
**Partner and competitor? The role of EU-China relations in global multilateralism**

*Chair: Ms Alicia GARCIA-HERRERO, Senior Fellow, Bruegel*

Keynote speech: Mr Ken WU, Ambassador of China to Germany
Keynote comment: Mr Jean PISANI-FERRY, Professor, Hertie School of Governance, European University Institute, Sciences Po
OUTLOOK ON EU-ASIA TRADE AND INVESTMENT CONNECTIVITY

11:30 – 12:30

CLOSING SESSION
Which way forward? EU-Asian trade and investment connectivity in times of global disruption

Chair: Mr Guntram WOLFF, Director, Bruegel
Mr Sébastien JEAN, Director, CEPII
Ms Haihong GAO, Senior fellow, Director, Department of International Finance, Institute of World Economics and Politics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
Ms Danuta HÜBNER, Member of the European Parliament

12:30 – 12:45

FINAL REMARKS
Mr Amb. Karsten WARNECKE, Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

12:45 – 13:30

Lunch