

## Policy Complimentaries in the Multilateral Context and New Approaches in International Cooperation: A Function for Voluntary Principles and Collaborative Initiative in the ASEM Process

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This Article outlines the principles which were adopted during the conferences of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) and the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM). The Article begins by examining the policy integrations of the external relations of the European Union with the East Asian countries, particularly those from the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN). The Author analyzes the frameworks in place that promote the search of policy complimentaries to aid achieving greater uniformity in worldwide economic cooperation. The Article concludes by making various recommendations which may serve to promote such cooperation between the EU and ASEAN, perhaps leading the way towards the establishment of a culture of understanding.