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# Enhancing ASEAN-EU Relations through Cultural Cooperation

*Realities and Unexplored Potential*

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This study, 'Enhancing ASEAN-EU Relations through Cultural Cooperation Realities and Unexplored Potential', explores how multilateral cultural cooperation can strengthen ASEAN-EU ties, complementing the bilateral cultural cooperation already present in the two.

Highlighting the **importance of multilateral cultural exchanges in fostering mutual understanding and addressing global challenges**, it emphasises that culture can serve as a bridge between Southeast Asian and European societies, supporting other forms of cooperation, such as economic, strategic and geopolitical ones. **Multilateral cultural initiatives offer broader, more inclusive engagement opportunities**, thereby enhancing diplomatic relations, economic development and regional stability.

This research gathered data through **extensive historical analysis, targeted surveys and expert interviews**, ensuring a comprehensive and nuanced view. The study **provides targeted recommendations for policymakers** in ASEAN and the EU which focus on developing long-term cultural strategies, increasing institutional collaboration and securing core funding for sustainable projects.

This study forms **part of ifa's Research Programme 'Culture and Foreign Policy'**, in which experts address relevant issues relating to culture and foreign policy with the aim of involving academics, practitioners, policymakers, and civil society.

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