Asia-Europe Connectivity Vision 2025: Challenges and Opportunities

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The Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) enters into its third decade with commitments for a renewed and deepened engagement between Asia and Europe. After 20 years, and with tremendous global and regional changes behind it, there is a consensus that ASEM must bring out a new road map of Asia-Europe connectivity and cooperation.

It is commonly understood that improved connectivity and increased cooperation between Europe and Asia require plans that are both sustainable and can be upscaled. This publication, a joint work of ERIA and the Government of Mongolia for the 11th ASEM Summit 2016 in Ulaanbaatar, provides the ideas for an ASEM connectivity road map for the next decade that can give ASEM a unity of purpose comparable to, if not more advanced than, the integration and cooperation efforts of other regional groups. ASEM has the platform to create a connectivity blueprint for Asia and Europe. This ASEM Connectivity Vision document provides the template for this blueprint.