

H.E. Ms. Cristina Romila, Ambassador of Romania to Viet Nam remarks

ASEM has provided since its inception a platform of connectivity and continuous dialogue between Europe and Asia.

We have the necessary instruments and formats of cooperation to connect Europe and Asia.

What we need:

- To deepen their results in a pragmatic way.
- To revitalize the geostrategic thinking (reference to the future EU strategy for cooperating in the Indo-Pacific, with connectivity being one of the key elements)
- To reaffirm multilateralism. The pandemic context brought about new topics that need to be explored for advancing multilateralism together, like standards for new technologies, for fighting pandemics and enhancing health systems resilience.
- To devote particular attention to concrete measures to ensure the deepening of trade relations and the diversification, resilience and security of supply chains. Respect of international law and reciprocity in terms of market access are common denominators for future success stories to promote sustainable growth and prosperity in our countries

About RO bringing added-value to connectivity between Europe and Asia

RO has actively participated in ASEM, especially in the field of education, that we consider a strategic objective of mutual interest for both Europe and Asia. RO organized in 2019 the ASEM ministers of education meeting, for the first time back to back with the ASEM rectors and ASEF students meetings.

RO is committed to actively contribute in the fields of digital connectivity, cyber-security and cyber-resilience. RO will host the EU Cyber Security Center and the Euro-Atlantic Resilience Center.