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The Dialogue took place in Putrajaya on 29 September 2009.

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Quality assurance in European higher education makes significant headway

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Youth in Action is a Programme of the European Union for young people. It aims to inspire a sense of active European citizenship,

solidarity and tolerance among young Europeans and to involve them in shaping the Union's future.

Action 3 of the programme Youth in the World is also open for participation of non-European countries.

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EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **Roundtable in conjunction with the World Day Against Death Penalty!**

- Organised for high-level representatives from NGOs, legal committees and human rights organisations.

For invited participants only.

9 October 2009, Kuala Lumpur

[See a video against death penalty](#)

• **[ASEM conference: Beyond the global crisis: A New Asian Growth Model?](#)**

- Jointly organised by Bank Negara Malaysia, the Asian Development Bank, and the European Commission. The conference will provide senior officials, academia, and private sector participants an analysis of key issues related to Asia and EU as they emerge from the global financial and economic crisis.

18-20 October 2009, Kuala Lumpur

• **The Inaugural MEF-European Union Kuala Lumpur Roundtable 2009: "Growth Agenda, Green Enterprise, Going Forward"**

Jointly organised by the Malaysia-Europe Forum and the Delegation of the European Commission.
20 October 2009, Kuala Lumpur

- For information and registration please contact Ms. Natasha Zulkifli at natasha@malaysia-europeforum.com
[More information](#)

- **[Asia-Invest business cooperation project: EU-East ASEAN Growth Area BizTech Match-Making Event](#)**

- The event aims to facilitate direct business and technology partnership such as collaboration in public procurement, venture capital investment, R&D, management contract, technical assistance, technology licensing, trading of traditional and non-traditional products (such as carbon trading), manufacturing, investment and contract manufacturing in the EAGA's priority development areas

(eco tourism, energy, aquaculture / agriculture, forestry).

16-19 November 2009, Miri, Sarawak

For more information and registration please contact Ms. Shin Yi at law@eu-eaga.org

- **Project on Promoting discussion on an Arms Trade Treaty - Regional Seminar for Countries in Asia and the Pacific**

- This is the fourth regional seminar organised within the project Promoting discussion on an Arms Trade Treaty, implemented by the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) for the European Union. The seminar will be an opportunity for the participants to expand their knowledge on a possible international treaty on arms trade and to discuss its elements, scope and implications.

The opening and closing session of the seminar will be open to all interested parties.

13-14 October 2009, Hotel Nikko Kuala Lumpur

Click here for the [Programme](#), [Project description](#) and the [General invitation](#). Please confirm your participation to Ms. Elli Kytömäki at ekytomaki@unog.ch

- **10th European Union Film Festival (EUFF)**

- The 10th EUFF will be a great opportunity for aficionados of international films to discover Europe's best latest productions as well as other recent award winning movies. The event was a hit in the previous years, making it one of the most awaited cultural events in Kuala Lumpur.

From 11 to 22 November 2009, GSC Pavilion, Kuala Lumpur
