

ELAS BRIEFING SEMINAR

In Cooperation with the Taipei Representative Office in the
European Union and Belgium

Wednesday, 5 December from 16:00 to 18:00

at Asia Platform, Rue de la Loi 26, 10th Floor, B-1040 Brussels

EU-Taiwan Investment Relations: Building a Relationship for the Future

Programme

- 15:30-16:00 **Registration**
- 16:00-16:10 **Introduction by the Chair**
Mr GUPWELL Dick, Vice-Chairman, European Institute for Asian Studies
- 16:10-16:30 **Presentation of the Findings**
Mr FAMAHEY Erik, Senior Associate, European Institute for Asian Studies
- 16:30-16:40 **Keynote Address**
Ms. WANG Mei-Hua, Vice Minister, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Taiwan
- 16:40-17:30 **Panel Discussion**
Ms. BAULE Sylvia, Deputy Head of Unit, Investment, DG Trade, European Commission
Ms. BOURNOU Sofia, Senior Advisor for International Relations at BusinessEurope
Mr. VANDENBULKE Luc, Deputy COO of DEME Group/Managing Director of GeoSea
Dr. TSENG Ho-jen, Representative, Taipei Representative Office in the European Union and Belgium
- 17:30-18:00 **Q&A**
- 18:00 **Networking Reception**

EU Taiwan Investment Relations: Building a Relationship for the Future

In 2018, EIAS in cooperation with the Taipei Representative Office in the European Union, renewed a 2014 EIAS report "Taiwanese Outward Foreign Direct Investment (OFDI) into the European Union." This recently published report unveiled how the investment relationship between the EU and Taiwan remains underexploited, with both parties standing to benefit significantly from greater engagement. As well as outlining the current trends in the EU-Taiwan investment relationship, this report identifies both the barriers faced by Taiwanese companies hoping to invest in Europe, and the potential benefits to be gained from an improved investment relationship.

This seminar brings together stakeholders from both the EU and Taiwan to discuss the findings of the report, and to consider the future investment relationship between the two sides. This event is sure to provide insight as how to tap into the unrealized potential of deeper investment flows between Taiwan and the EU, and explore the possibility of establishing a bilateral investment agreement (BIA).