GERMANY IN EUROPE – SINGAPORE IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA: PAVING THE ROAD TO A MORE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Germany and Singapore may look very different on the map, and in the history books. But both countries also have important points in common. One of those is that both are States that are committed to the rule of law, both internally and internationally, and both therefore seek to bolster and maintain a rules-based political and economic order. Both Germany and Singapore are part of a wider regional system. Although the EU and ASEAN look very differently at first sight, they are both associations originally formed to preserve peace and good neighbourliness among countries. History has shown that is worth every effort because multilateralism, free trade, the absence of the use of, or threat with force and the conduct of international relations on the basis of a firm system of binding rules have ensured peace and prosperity both in Europe and in South-East Asia.

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