



CONCEPT

The KF-VUB Korea Chair at the Centre of Security, Diplomacy and Strategy (CSDS) – VUB is pleased to host the Brussels Korea Forum 2026 on 8 September 2026 at the Hotel NH EU Berlaymont in Brussels. This will be the fifth edition of the Forum, the pre-eminent event to enhance understanding of Korean affairs among a Brussels-based and European audience. The Forum has been held annually since 2021.

As the primary contact point in Europe on policy issues related to Korea, the KF-VUB Korea Chair organises the Forum to serve as the leading venue to address pertinent global issues and Republic of Korea (ROK)-Europe relations.

The Forum brings together high-level Korean and European experts and policy-makers to discuss global security challenges and their impact on Korea-Europe relations, the bilateral ROK-EU partnership in the Indo-Pacific and bilateral security, economic security and technology cooperation.

This event is generously sponsored by the Korea Foundation.

PROGRAMME

Public Forum

09:00 – 09:30 **REGISTRATION**

09:30 – 09:45 **WELCOME REMARKS**

Luis Simón

Director, Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy – VUB

09:45 – 10:00 **OPENING REMARKS**

Song Guido

President, Korea Foundation

10:00 – 11:30 **PANEL 1: ROK-EUROPE ECONOMIC SECURITY AND TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION**

Irina Kustova

Head of the Energy Programme, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)

Lee Jaemin

Professor of Law, Seoul National University

Cecilia Malmström

Non-resident Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics and Former European Commissioner for Trade (2014-19)

Moon Sung-wook

Distinguished Professor, Yonsei University and Former Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy (2021-22)

Moderator

Giulia Tercovich

Deputy Director, Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy – VUB

11:30 – 11:45 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:45 – 13:15 **PANEL 2: ROK-EUROPE INDO-PACIFIC AND GLOBAL SECURITY COOPERATION**

Baek Jinkyung

Young Leader, Pacific Forum and Former Director of the Research Department, East Asia Institute (EAI)

César Luena

Chair, Delegation for relations with the Korean Peninsula, European Parliament

Ramón Pacheco Pardo

KF-VUB Korea Chair, Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy – VUB

Park Ihn-hwi

Dean, Graduate School of International Studies, Ewha Womans University

Moderator

Luis Simón

Director, Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy – VUB

13:15 – 13:30 **CLOSING REMARKS**

Ramón Pacheco Pardo

KF-VUB Korea Chair, Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy – VUB

13:30 – 14:30 **LUNCH**