

# Governance and Regional Economic Integration in Asia from a European Perspective

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The point of departure for an analysis of the stakes of regional economic integration in Asia is an assessment of the current state, and recent evolution, of governance and regional economic integration in Asia relative to the European Union. This comparison suggests a certain number of critical shortfalls in the quality of national governance for specific countries, as well as the relatively modest pace of regional economic cooperation, economic integration and market liberalization in Asia, relative to the transformed European economic environment, which has included, notably, the recent expansion of the EU to include twenty-seven member states. The analysis then highlights key conceptual issues related to specific mechanisms which determine how national and regional governance potentially impacts the international economic process, along with national economic performance and competitiveness, as well as the collective returns to regional economic cooperation and integration. Alternative scenarios for achieving a "Single Asian Market" are envisaged, while spelling out critical elements in the associated policy agendas aimed at the interrelated objectives of realizing improved national and regional governance, as well as fostering heightened market integration and enhanced economic performance across the Asia.

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