

**Opinion of the Romanian Chamber of Deputies on the
Joint Communication to the European Parliament, the Council, the European
Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and the European
Investment Bank
Connecting Europe and Asia
Building blocks for an EU Strategy
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The Chamber of Deputies:

1. Welcomes the permanent efforts at European level for developing the connectivity with the Asia continent, one of the main components for implementing the global strategy of the European Union.
2. Considers that the perspective of a far-reaching cooperation with Asian states is an engine for reforms, a commitment for the rule of law, justice and fundamental values, and a priority for the citizens of these countries, a guarantee of stability and prosperity.
3. Supports the development of consistent and aligned rules and practices in order to promote market access, movement of goods, services, capital and people across borders, in the context of diverse social and economic situations in Asia and by maintaining the high standards of the European Union in protecting the environment and the endangered species, as well as in the banking area.
4. Underlines that the relevance of connectivity between the two global markets can be enhanced in the light of increasing, in parallel, the efforts for implementing the cohesion policy of the European Union.