

SEMICONDUCTORS KOREA 2026

BUSINESS MISSION OVERVIEW

9 – 13 February 2026

Semiconductors Korea 2026 will select up to **50 European SMEs** to visit the Republic of Korea to kick-start their internationalisation journey in the semiconductor sector. The EU Business Hub will provide a valuable platform for companies to showcase their products and services, network, and acquire new customers. Selected companies will visit SEMICON Korea, a major international exhibition focused on the semiconductor industry, held annually in Seoul and attracting 70 000 visitors.

This business mission will take place **from 9 to 13 February 2026** and provide an excellent opportunity to network and connect with potential Korean business partners and industry leaders. During the business mission, a dedicated team of business coaching staff and professional interpreters will be available to promote European companies' products and technologies and facilitate business meetings. A networking event during the business mission will further enhance opportunities to connect with potential business partners and clients.



TARGET AUDIENCE

European SMEs, including start-ups and innovative enterprises, active in the semiconductor industry or related sectors, such as:

- Sustainable semiconductor manufacturing technologies.
- Advanced semiconductor design and fabrication processes.
- Semiconductor materials and equipment (e.g. wafer production, photomasks, etching, testing, etc.).
- Advanced packaging and integration solutions.
- Semiconductor-related software and AI-based applications.
- Emerging technologies including quantum computing, power electronics, and smart mobility.

Business operators in the Republic of Korea, especially:

- Buyers and distributors of semiconductor equipment and materials.
- R&D institutions and partners (both public and private).
- Investors with interest in next-generation semiconductor technologies.

OVERVIEW OF THE BUSINESS MISSION

Funded by the European Union, the business mission to Seoul will last five days in total, including two days of dedicated business matchmaking and networking, a visit to SEMICON Korea for further business opportunities, as well as a study tour.

The business mission agenda is as follows:

Day 1

Arrival in Seoul, welcome & networking gathering.

Day 2

Briefing session with sectoral experts and a study tour.

Day 3

Business matchmaking sessions and networking reception.

Day 4

Business matchmaking sessions.

Day 5

Visit to SEMICON Korea and a debriefing session.



SERVICES AND BENEFITS FOR EU PARTICIPANTS



Business matchmaking, resulting in pre-arranged in-person meetings with carefully selected enterprises in the Republic of Korea.



Market intelligence information, including sectoral briefings that provide valuable insights into market structure and potential opportunities.



Cultural and linguistic support, such as briefings on doing business in the Republic of Korea and support with interpretation and translation.



Financial support of up to €1000 to benefit from a menu of additional customised services co-funded by the programme (e.g. translation, printing, legal advice, booth decoration).



Hotel accommodation for four nights – up to €1000 per company is covered by the programme.



Coverage of the visitor fee at SEMICON Korea.

KEY MARKET INSIGHTS

Participating in **Semiconductors Korea 2026** represents a unique opportunity for European SMEs and start-ups because:

The Republic of Korea is **Asia's 4th-largest and the world's 12th-largest economy**.

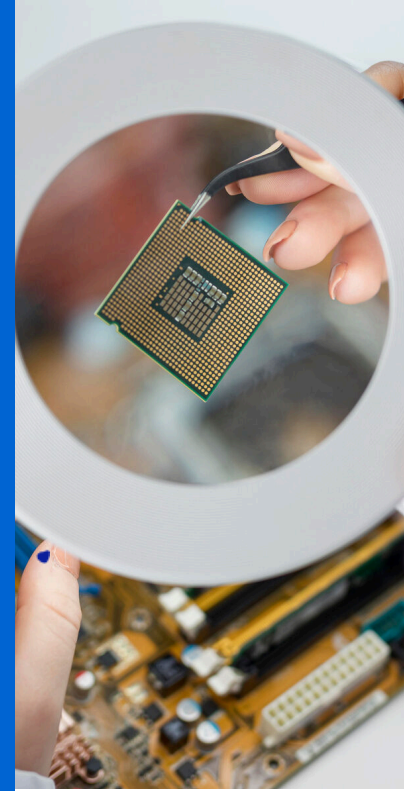
EU exports to the Republic of Korea in 2023 amounted to **€57.8 billion in goods and €18.7 billion in services**.

The Republic of Korea represents the **EU's 8th largest trading partner** for goods.

The Republic of Korea recorded an **all-time monthly high in semiconductor exports** in April 2024, reaching approximately €12.5 billion, with a 50.9% year-on-year increase and marking eight consecutive months of growth.

The Republic of Korea ranked as the world's **second-largest semiconductor producer** in 2023, maintaining this position for the 11th consecutive year since 2013, with a 13.2% share of the €506.9 billion global semiconductor market.

The Republic of Korea unveiled a **€18.6 billion support package for the semiconductor industry**, including €3.6 billion investment from 2025 to 2027 focused on R&D, commercialisation and workforce development.



The Ministry of Science and ICT listed **12 National Strategic Technologies** as strategic areas in its Science and Technology Master Plan (2023- 2027), including semiconductor and display, secondary battery, advanced mobility, hydrogen, cybersecurity, AI, etc.

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