BUSSOLA INSTITUTE WEBINAR:
COVID-19 AND ITS IMPACT ON EU-GCC-ASIA CONNECTIVITY

Wednesday, 17th June 2020: 1300-1400 (CET)  Zoom Video Call

ZOOM WEBINAR
The Bussola Institute invites you to participate in a webinar on Wednesday, 17th June 2020.

The discussion will explore the topic of ‘COVID-19 and its Impact on EU-GCC-Asia Connectivity’. The webinar will explore the shifting geo-strategic and geo-economic implications of the current COVID-19 pandemic and how Europe and the Arab Gulf States are positioning themselves in the context of the increased importance of Asia, in particular China.

The event will seek to assess the interests of the EU and the GCC States in terms of Asia and what this means for the bi-lateral EU-GCC relationship.

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Questions
There will be an opportunity to submit questions to the speakers during the course of the event. These can be submitted during the course of the webinar via Zoom or they can be submitted in advance to: events@bussolainsitute.org