

## 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 4<sup>th</sup>-largest and the world's 12<sup>th</sup>-largest economy**.

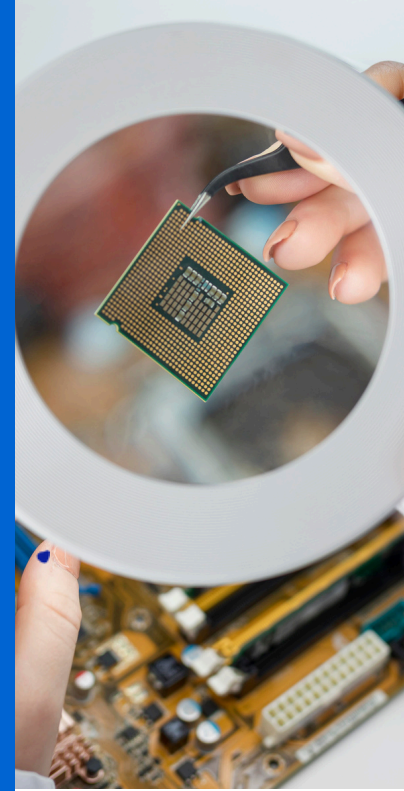
EU exports to the Republic of Korea in 2023 amounted to **€57.8 billion in goods and €18.7 billion in services**.

The Republic of Korea represents the **EU's 8<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

Discover the business mission and apply

**BY 12 SEPTEMBER 2025**

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