

## EVENT REPORT

### Tri Hita Karana International Roundtable with Special Economic Zones: “Building Bridges of Peace through New Era Bali Kerthi Economic Roadmap: Investments in Wellness, Blue and Green Economy, and Knowledge Exchange”



#### Executive Summary

On 19 August 2025, the Tri Hita Karana Forum and United in Diversity hosted the ***Tri Hita Karana International Roundtable with Special Economic Zones: “Building Bridges of Peace through New Era Bali Kerthi Economic Roadmap: Investments in Wellness, Blue and Green Economy, and Knowledge Exchange”*** at the Three Mountains, Kura Kura Bali Special Economic Zones (SEZs). This event aims to gather stakeholders to provide inputs for Bali’s SEZs (Sanur and Kura Kura Bali SEZs) bridge collaboration in a green and wellness growth agenda; joint innovation programs, as well as reinforcing Bali’s role as a gateway for cultural diplomacy, impact investment, and sustainable business partnerships.

The event is attended by **Hon. Arkadiusz Mularczyk**, European Union Parliament Member with fellow delegates including **Mrs. Iwona Mularczyk**, Chair of the City Council of Nowy

Sącz, **Mr. Marian Skrzypiec**, Honorary Consul of Indonesia in Kraków, **Rev. Father Marcin Schmidt**, Founder and President of the THK (3HK) Institute of Sustainable Development EUROPE–ASEAN, **Ms. Maja Gwóźdź**, Director of the Honorary Consulate of Indonesia in Kraków, **Mr. Siarhei Kuzmich**, Director of the THK (3HK) Institute in Poland and **Ms. Tatsiana Kuzmich**, Chief of Staff.

Overall, it brought together more than **30 attendees** representing the government, business community, and local youth including **I Made Mangku Pastika**, Member of the Indonesian Regional Representative Council (DPD RI) (2019-2024), **Dr. Shashank Vikram**, Consul General India in Bali and **Agus Maha Usadha**, Vice Chairman of KADIN Bali. Together, all the participants reaffirm their commitment to bridge peace, foster cross-border collaboration, and co-create sustainable solutions in healthcare, education, and regenerative agriculture while also deepening community connections, and use media, and shared platforms to amplify their impact.

#### SEZ Presentation and Turtle Release



The agenda of the day commenced with presentations from the Special Economic Zones authorities in Bali, represented by **Francis Yee**, Commissioner of Kura Kura Bali SEZ and **Susy Napitupulu**, Director of Sanur SEZ. During the presentation, they shared the role of SEZ in driving sustainable development and green investment in Indonesia. Following the presentation, the delegates have the opportunity to participate in turtle release activities where they release baby turtles that were nurtured under the Turtle Conservation and Education Centre.

## Interfaith Prayer for Universal Peace & Remarks



On the afternoon, the event continues to the Tri Hita Karana Hati Hati-to-Hati Dialogue which commenced with an **Interfaith Prayer for Universal Peace** led by **Mangku Made Sandya**, representing the Hindu religious community, **Father Marcin Schmidt**, representing the Catholic religious community and **Israruddin**, Director of the Tri Hita Karana Forum, Ecosystem Engagement and Policy Lab of the United in Diversity Foundation, representing the Islamic religious community. Afterwards, **Amb. Tantowi Yahya** as the President of the United in Diversity Foundation, gave an Welcoming Remarks where the Balinese value of Tri Hita Karana that centered around harmonious relationship to the spirit, people and the environment was introduced. These values have become the foundation in which Tri Hita Karana Forum and United in Diversity directed their works.



Continuing with Opening Remarks, **I Made Mangku Pastika**, Governor of Bali (2008-2018) also gave a Special Remarks where he highlighted that Bali, within its Tri Hita Karana values, has a significant role in fostering peace as it focuses on building bridges instead of building walls.



**Hon. Arkadiusz Mularczyk**, European Union Parliament Member continued with its Special Remarks where he expressed its appreciation to Indonesia's initiatives in promoting sustainable developments, green and blue economy, as well as deepening its approach towards spirituality. He also highlighted that in addition to his role of representing the European Union but also representing Poland, where he expressed the immense potential of cooperation between Bali and Krakow and that such symbolic dialogue on heritage can open new perspectives in cultural diplomacy, education, sustainable tourism and interpersonal exchange. He also welcomes collaboration through sustainable trade, responsible investment and joint innovation especially on the green-and-blue economy, renewable energy, biodiversity, health, digitalization and AI, tourism and blended finance with the European Union.

## Tri Hita Karana Hati-to-Hati Dialogue

For the next agenda, the participants are divided into several groups and to have a heart-to-heart conversations along several questions as follow:

1. How can the EU, Indonesia, and local partners in Bali work together—through UID and other initiatives—to bridge peace, foster cross-border collaboration, and co-create sustainable solutions in healthcare, education, and regenerative agriculture?

2. How can we leverage THK U & Hati to deepen community connections, and use media, and shared platforms to amplify our impact?



Through the discussion, several points of reflections emerged. First, in overcoming barriers across diversity, **experiencing diversity firsthand** is crucial to organically build trust and empathy from the bottom-up or from the community. Second, **co-creation on cultural projects** is a potential medium to bridge cultural differences, citing the HATI Installation and THK Universal Reflection Journey as a living demonstration of bridging diverse cultural philosophy in action. Third, for Bali to become a wellness centre it is important to reform regulations that **allow Bali as a hub for specialized care, including specialized surgeries**. Fourth, leveraging Bali's strategic role as a tourist destination for a medium to campaign its Tri Hita Karana value can further promote sustainability agenda.

Last but not least, the discussion also emphasizes on education as drivers of transformation, practical contributions from the community itself and the consistency at the individual level in practicing the Tri Hita Karana values. The event is then concluded with a Closing Reflection by **Father Marcin Schmidt**, President of 3HK Institute Poland and Scholas Occurrentes Vatican, where he highlighted that bridging cultural gaps is not abstract diplomacy, but a lived practice. He also summarizes important points from the discussion including that diplomatic efforts must strengthen ties between countries, healthcare reforms can position

Bali as a hub for global collaboration, agriculture and education must be rooted in THK to build resilience, Storytelling and media should amplify Bali's magic and sustainability narratives and above all, communities must embody THK daily, in both large initiatives and small acts of kindness. Bali, as participants agreed, is more than an island. It is a symbol of harmony and cultural convergence, a place where local wisdom can guide global change.