

## **Investment Regimes in East Asia – The Perspective of The ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) And Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)\***

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### **Abstract**

RCEP - the mega-regional trade agreement that entered into force on January 1, 2022, involves ten ASEAN Member States, China, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Australia, and New Zealand. The article aims to characterize the investment regimes of the RCEP Member States, with particular emphasis on the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), which established the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) on December 31, 2015. The analysis confirmed, on the one hand, the high investment attractiveness of the region. On the other hand, however, it indicated the problem of overlapping regulations.

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