ASEM Work Placement Programme
- Belgium -
• ASEM WPP update of the approach of the expert meeting
• country report: Belgium
1st Expert meeting (Jan. 2015, Thailand)

- Focus on bigger framework & aims
- Country UBN-networks
- ASEM Work Placements >> quality placements
- ASEM WPPP-webpage hosted by the ASEM secretariat (Indonesia)
- Engagement of parties involved; formal LOI (signed April 2015, Latvia)
- First draft of Development of ASEM training agreement
2\textsuperscript{nd} Expert meeting Belgium (Sept. 2015)

- indiv. country progress; identification of areas of interests
- Focus on the procedural & operational aspects; ASEM quality framework
  Common ASEM standards;
  -> development of administrative templates
  ASEM application form, training agreement, post internship certificate)
- Roles of the parties involved (matrix)
2\textsuperscript{nd} Expert meeting Belgium (Sept. 2015)

• Website: structurised country information for incoming interns & interested companies

• Communication with host companies & how to motivate them to host ASEM interns.

• Rotating coordinatorship > Belgium (between 2\textsuperscript{nd} and 3\textsuperscript{rd} expert meeting)
Pending issues

• Role of the local ASEM contact / expectations?
• Training agreement; need for annex / quality charter?
• Best practices for involving companies
• Identification of obstacles / constraints
• Country information
BELGIUM country report

• Assigned by Dept. of Educational affairs to UGent
• Financial support for candidates

• Fall 2016: a call for students to recruit candidates:
• Selection criteria: motivation, degree of intercultural and professional experience, career goals, social background, (study) merits, language knowledge (English).
Incoming

- +/- 100 industrial and service companies identified having an interest in hosting an South East Asian intern.
- Medical profiles: UGent clinic ready to accept 1 from each country
- Paramedical profiles: language problem / clinics: framework agreements, less likely to accept individual interns
- Chamber of Commerce: ask for individual files
- Internships in international organisations
• 33 students applied, from a wide range of study programmes
• 10 files selected & sent to the Asian ASEM contacts for further internship search
• 4 internship possibilities opened up, for reasons of timing 3 had to withdraw
• 1 student in environmental sanitation will start her internship in July (KMUTT is involved / invitation letter).
Incoming

- Agronomy: support of Flemish platform for agronomy / profiles?
- Hospitality management & tourism: profiles?
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