

# **ASEM Work Placement Programme**

## **- Belgium -**

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- ASEM WPP update of the approach of the expert meeting
  - country report: Belgium
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## 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
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## 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)
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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Expert meeting Belgium (Sept. 2015)

- Website: structured country information for incoming interns & interested companies
  - Communication with host companies & how to motivate them to host ASEM interns.
  - Rotating coordinatorship > Belgium (between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> expert meeting)
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# 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
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## **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).
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## 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
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- 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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