Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) Education Department

Enhancing Connectivity between Asia & Europe
By Boosting Inclusive & Balanced Mobility and Exchanges

ASEM Education Action Plan 2030
Virtual Workshop 2
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Overview of Presentation

1. Introduction to ASEF & its Education Portfolio
2. ASEM Education Strategy 2030 & ASEF’s Contributions/Proposals for Action
Part 1:

Introduction to ASEF & its Education Portfolio
ASEF

- Created in 1997, intergovernmental not-for-profit organisation based in Singapore
- The only permanently established institution of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Process
- Funded by voluntary contributions from the 53 ASEM Partners
- Facilitates bi-regional dialogue, knowledge exchange and collaboration
- Connects Civil Society & Governments
- Areas of work: Education, Culture, Governance, Sustainable Development, Public Health & Economy
ASEF’s Education Department

▪ We connect: youth, students, teachers & educators, higher education leaders, EdTech experts & policy makers

▪ We facilitate: knowledge exchange, policy dialogues, capacity building, eLearning, research & networks

▪ We promote: inclusive & equitable access to education opportunities & LLL

▪ We contribute to: innovation in the formal & non-formal education sector & towards the SDGs of the UN Agenda2030

▪ Our projects are: official side events of ASEM Summits, ASEMFMMs and ASEMMEs
ASEFEdu’s Outreach & Impact

Knowledge Creation, Sharing & Learning

- Peer-to-Peer Exchange
- ASEM-wide studies, reports & policy recommendations
- Communication campaigns for ASEM Education stakeholders

Engagement & Visibility

- Projects across all 51 ASEM countries
- Ca. 15-20 activities per year
- Ca. 45,000 followers on social media

Connectivity & Collaboration

- Network of over 4,500 active alumni; outreach to ca. 1,000 education institutions and ca. 70,000 individuals
- 87% of ASEFEdu participants stay in contact with peers
- 25% of them collaborate on a specific project
Part 2:
ASEM Education Strategy 2030 & ASEF’s Contribution/Proposed Actions
Strategic Objective 2: Enhancing Connectivity between Asia & Europe by boosting inclusive & balanced mobility and exchanges

“In the next decade, ASEM partners and stakeholders will [...]”

- foster [...] not only physical mobility, but also virtual mobility and exchanges, as well as blended mobility.
- promote and encourage exchanges in all their forms, as well as in various context. [...]
ASEF’s Contributions & Proposed Action to the ASEM Education Strategy 2020 For Youth
ASEF Young Leaders Summit (ASEFYLS)

- Official youth side-event at ASEM Summits with ASEM Youth Intervention
- Thought & action leadership programme for students & young professionals that focuses on values & sustainable impact in society
- Personal meetings between Youth and ASEM Leaders from all 51 ASEM countries
- Access to an invaluable network that drives key priorities of ASEM and the UN Agenda2030 and trains future societal leaders

Upcoming in 2021:
ASEFYLS4 on “Sustainable Development in a Post-COVID-19 World”
Model ASEM

- **Official youth side-event** at ASEM FMMs with ASEM Youth Intervention
- **Capacity-building** for students to fine-tune their skills in diplomacy, negotiation, consensus-building and public speaking
- **Personal meetings** between students and their Foreign Ministers from all 51 ASEM countries
- **Access** to an invaluable network that promotes Youth Diplomacy, Asia-Europe relations and creates ASEM Youth Ambassadors
- **Spin-off editions** organised locally by students & civil society organisations

**Upcoming in 2021/22:**

10th Model ASEM with ASEM eLearning Platform
ASEF Summer University (ASEFSU)

- Capacity building & Global Citizenship Education for students & young professionals through an experiential learning journey across ASEM-countries & virtually

- Interdisciplinary Innovathon/Hackathon competition where ASEM youth, local communities & ASEM stakeholders collaborate to tackle socio-economic challenges

Upcoming in 2021:

- ASEFSU23 on “Sustainable Urbanisation”

- Awareness creation and promotion of ASEM priorities & the SDGS of UN Agenda2030
ASEF’s Contributions & Proposed Actions to the ASEM Education Strategy 2030
For Professionals
ASEF Regional Conference on Higher Education (ARC)

- **Official Dialogue Partner & Official Side-Event** of the ASEM Education Ministers’ Meeting (ASEM ME)
- The only **bi-regional multi-stakeholder dialogue platform** for university and student leaders, experts, policy makers and ministers
- Its main outputs, including **research & policy recommendations** feed into the preparation process of the ASEM Education Ministers’ Meetings
- **Capacity Building Trainings** on SDGs as spin-offs for the higher education sector

**Upcoming in 2021:**

ARC8 on “Vision 2030: Inclusive and Diverse Higher Education in Asia and Europe”
ASEF Innovation Laboratories (ASEFInnolabs)

- **Design thinking laboratory** for leaders, managers and administrators of tertiary higher education institutions in charge of innovation and research
- A project that **incentivises STEM collaboration among ASEM universities** and creates a sustainable peer network
- Methodology is **learner-centred, collaboration focused** and inspires personal and institutional actions

Upcoming in 2021:

ASEFInnolabs1 on “Universities’ Role In Data Science & Artificial Intelligence (AI)Innovation Ecosystems”
ASEF Classroom Network

- The **only platform in Asia and Europe** that facilitates connectivity, knowledge and intercultural exchange in secondary, high, and vocational schools

- **Sustainable network** for collaboration & co-creation where teachers & students **discuss, explore and apply education technology** at the secondary level education

Upcoming in 2021:

- School Collaborations on IoT, Big Data & AI as well as Health & Well-Being of Teachers

- Contributes to **teacher professionalisation** and the **development of 21st century skills among students** by focusing on contemporary education topics
ASEM Education Strategy 2030

Strategic Objective 2: Enhancing Connectivity between Asia & Europe by boosting inclusive & balanced mobility and exchanges

- To strive for Inclusive Exchanges
- To stimulate Balanced Exchanges and Mobility
- To promote and support Virtual Mobility and Exchanges

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ASEF’s Contributions & Proposed Actions to the ASEM Education Strategy 2030
Priority 2.1: “To strive for Inclusive Exchanges”

Examples of ASEF’s contributions:

- Development of ARC8 Report with focus on inclusive & diverse Higher Education; one chapter specifically on mobility.

- Launch of National Equity Policy in Higher Education across all 51 ASEM countries.

- Support to Social Inclusion and Engagement in Mobility survey (SIEM) Survey coordinated by Erasmus Student Network.

- Inclusion – focus on socio-economic background: funding of participants.

- Inclusion – focus on mixed abilities: increased efforts to enhance access to information & funding for specific needs.
Priority 2.2: “To stimulate Balanced Exchanges & Mobility”

Examples of ASEF’s contributions

- Balanced distribution of ASEF projects & partner organisations across ASEM countries
- ASEM-wide Open Calls and representation of 51 nationalities in most of ASEF Edu’s projects
- Balanced diversity of speakers & participants in terms of gender, age, abilities, socio-economic background & access to opportunities
Examples of ASEF’s contributions

- Transformation of entire programme portfolio to hybrid format
- Set up of ASEM eLearning Platform to reach wider audiences
- Focus on collaborative virtual sessions
- Introduction of hybrid events that combine awareness creation across ASEM, research & study elements, e-learning activities for all participants, peer-to-peer on-site meetings & networking, local community outreach & engagement

-> Creation of a programme ecosystem that integrates various forms and methods of mobility and exchanges
We look forward to collaborating with you!
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