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ASEM Lifelong Learning: Journey of (re)Discovery and Developments at the Asia-Europe Interface

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Key questions

- Is ASEM education a political process and an integral part of EU's foreign-policy mix of education, trade and development? Why do Asian partners engage in ASEM education?
- Is ASEM about the balance power between competing regions?
- Is ASEM already an inter-regional dialogue or is it a regional integrator?
- How does ASEM LLL Hub work at different levels to stimulate academic cooperation and influence political agenda?

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What is ASEM?

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- Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM)
- Since 1996 (Singapore)
- Three Pillars: Political, Economic and Cultural
- 60% of the world's population & 60% of global trade
- 48 ASEM Partners (27 EU, 16 Asian, EC, ASEAN secretariat, 3 new: Australia, New Zealand and Russia)
- ASEM Summit (heads of states)
- ASEM ME (ministers of education)
- ASEM SOM (senior officials)

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ASEM Process and ASEM LLL Hub

- 2002 ASEM Summit IV in Copenhagen: ASEM LLL initiative, 3 work-groups.
- 2004 ASEM Summit V in Hanoi
- 2005 ASEM LLL Hub – official launch in Copenhagen, Danish University of Education
- 2006 ASEM Summit VI in Helsinki
- 2008 ASEM EMM1 in Berlin
- 2008 ASEM Summit VII in Beijing
- 2009 ASEM EMM2 in Hanoi
- 2011 ASEM EMM3 in Copenhagen

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ASEM LLL Hub

- A network of leading universities and research institutes in LLL in ASEM countries
- Carry out joint evidence-based comparative research to produce new knowledge and share experience
- Facilitate dialogue and interface between educational research and policy making

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ASEM LLL Hub- objectives

- Improve research quality and research capacity of partner universities
- Exchange students and academics
- Disseminate knowledge, research results and policies in LLL
- Strengthen relationship and increase mutual understanding between Asia and Europe

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ASEM LLL Hub - organisation

- Five research networks (researcher individual partnership)
- Council of University management representatives (institutional partnership)
- Advisory Board of ministerial representatives (governmental partnership)
- LLL Hub Secretariat and Chairmanship at Danish School of Education

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ASEM Working Methods

- ASEM Education Process: bottom up and top-down
 - Since 1997 (ASEF): Various activities in the Cultural Pillar
 - Since 2006 (Helsinki): Issue-based leadership and coordination
 - Since 2008: Education Ministers Meeting

Issues	Interested Partners
Development of SMEs	China, Korea, Germany
Education/Human Resources	Germany, Vietnam
Climate Change	Japan , Poland, Denmark
Lifelong Learning	Denmark



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Denmark as initiator, host and chair

- Long tradition of LLL
- Well-developed LLL policies
- Comprehensive system to support LLL
- Danish School of Education- a leading educational research institute in Europe
- Aarhus University – strong research-based university

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ASEM LLL Hub- 5 research networks

- Development of ICT skills, e-learning and the culture of e-learning in LLL, coordinator *Professor Taerim Lee, Korea National Open University*
- Workplace Learning, coordinator *Professor Lynne Chisholm, Innsbruck University*
- Professionalisation of Adult Teachers and Educators in ASEM countries, coordinator *Professor Ekkehard Nuisl, Duisburg/Essex University*
- National Strategies for lifelong learning with regard to citizens' motivation and barriers to continuing education and training, coordinator *Deputy Director-General Han Min, China National Institute of Education Research Development*
- Core Competences, coordinator *Professor Lena Lindenskov, Danish School of Education, Aarhus University*

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ASEM LLL Hub- Advisory Board

- Senior representatives of national ministries and international organisations with central responsibility and expertise in LLL
- Chair since 2010: Dr. Sumate Yamnoon, the Commission on Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Thailand
- Co-chair since 2010: Mr *Dmitrij* Kulss, Deputy Head of the Policy Coordination Department, Ministry of education and Science, Latvia
- Former chair since 2007: Zoltan Loboda, Ministry of Education and Culture, Hungary
- former chair since 2005: Joern Skovsgaard, Ministry of Education, Denmark)

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- reinforce the basic principle of applied research in the 5 networks
- review and comment on papers and publications presented by the 5 networks
- provide recommendations, share policy challenges in order to trigger new relevant research.
- disseminate research findings by 5 networks in national context – strengthen the interface between policy making and research.
- facilitate policy learning, review studies in other international organisations relevant to the work of the ASEM Hub (i.e. EU, UNESCO and OECD) and discuss how findings can be fed into the work of the Hub and what added-values the Hub can offer.
- support sustainable models to raise funds for research activities of the ASEM LLL Hub.



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ASEM LLL Hub Operation

Open Space

Platform for dialogue

5 research networks

International conferences & seminars

Publications, websites

ASEM LLL Hub
Secretariat

Council of University

Management Representatives

Annual Hub meetings

Advisory Board

Ministries & other stakeholders

Annual meetings

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ASEM LLL Hub – Key events

- 2005 Copenhagen conference
- 2006 Conference in Bangkok
- 2007 e-Learning Conference in Seoul
- 2007 "Building up LLL Communities" Conference in Shanghai
- 2007 "Ensuring Lifelong Skills for All" Conference in Kuala Lumpur
- 2008 [Exhibition on ASEM LLL Hub at ASEM Summit Beijing](#)
- 2008 "Frameworks for supporting LLL" Conference in Beijing
- 2009 Exhibition & Presentation on ASEM LLL at [ASEM EMM2 in Hanoi](#)
- 2009 "[e-Learning and Workplace Learning](#)" conference in Bangkok
- 2009 [ASEM LLL Conference in Nha Trang, Vietnam](#)
- 2010 ASEM LLL Forum 'Towards learning society:Lifelong learning is a reality' in Hanoi, Vietnam

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ASEM LLL Hub Publications

- e-Learning in Asia-Europe: Co-operation and Partnership. Korea National Open University, 2007.
- e-ASEM Network Follow-up Meeting. Korea National Open University, 2007.
- Building up Lifelong Learning Communities – Challenges and Opportunities. Community education Committee of Xuhui District, Shanghai, 2007.
- Ensuring Lifelong Skills for All: Partners, Pathways and Pedagogies. Malaysia National university, 2007.
- Competence Development as Workplace Learning. Innsbruck University Press, 2007.
- Workplace Learning (CD-ROM). Masaryk University, 2008.
- Frameworks for Supporting Lifelong Learning. Peking University, 2008.
- Teacher and trainers in Adult education and Lifelong Learning: Professional Development in Asia and Europe, 2009.
- Workplace Learning. Masarykova univerzita, 2009
- Teachers and Trainers in Adult and Lifelong Learning: Asian and European Perspectives
- Creating opportunities and removing obstacles for LLL, 2010

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Current projects

- ASEM White Paper on eLearning in 6 countries
- ASEM Workplace Learning Survey in 10 countries
- Analytical and mathematical competences development in school in 9 countries
- SEAMEO LLL Centre in Vietnam
- Vietnam Forum on Lifelong Learning- Building a learnign Society in Hanoi,6-8 Dec. 2010

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