



ASEM Lifelong Learning

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Council of Research Network Coordinators

A Council of Research Network Coordinators shall be established. It shall meet regularly as directed by the Chair of the ASEM LLL Hub.

The membership of the Council of Research Network Coordinators shall be:

- Chair, ASEM LLL Hub, who shall also be Chair of the Council of Research Network Coordinators
- The Coordinator, the Joint-Coordinator (Asia) and Joint-Coordinator (Europe) of each active Research Network of the ASEM LLL Hub
- Two representatives of the ASEM Education Secretariat
- Two representatives of the ASEF Secretariate
- Two representative of the ASEM LLL Hub Secretariat
- Three external members nominated by the Chair

Non-Members may attend at the request of the Chair, in order to facilitate the workings of the Council. These shall normally be:

1. Non-Members invited to attend meetings of the Council for specific purposes, such as to inform the Council of relevant policy and/or research developments, reports, funding opportunities, event planning.
2. Additional support staff necessary for the efficient running and recording of the business of the Council.
3. A Full Member of a Research Network acting as a substitute for the Coordinator and/or a Joint-Coordinator of their Research Network.
4. A representative of any of the ASEM Education Secretariat and/or the ASEF Secretariate and/or the ASEM LLL Hub Secretariat acting as a substitute for a normal member of that secretariat.

Purpose

The Council shall support the Chair of the ASEM LLL Hub in shaping and driving the overall research and policy agenda of the ASEM LLL Hub.

The Council shall support the Common Research Agenda at outlined in the A Framework for Lifelong Learning Research in the ASEM Region: 2020-

2025, being cognisant of the need for equity and inclusion; identity, respect and dignity; digital education and ICT; demographic trends such as ageing and migration; knowledge, policy and capacity building in lifelong learning across the ASEM region; and engagement with civil society and community based lifelong learning.

The Council shall support collaboration between the RNs and support collaboration in the wider research community, with policymakers, governmental and non-governmental organisation and civil society, where relevant to the overall objectives of the ASEM LLL Hub

Research Networks Formation and Membership

The ASEM LLL Hub will be organised into a number of Research Networks, those active at this time being:

- RN1: eASEM (Development of ICT skills, e-learning and the culture of e-learning in Lifelong Learning)
- RN2: Workplace Learning
- RN3: Professionalisation of Adult Teachers and Educators in ASEM countries
- RN4: National strategies for Lifelong Learning
- RN5: Lifelong Learning Transitions (New)
- RN6: Learning Cities and Learning Regions (New)

Additional Research Networks may be added to accommodate additional lines of research and/or emerging areas. New Research Networks will be formally nominated by the Chair and approved by the Council of Research Network Coordinators.

Type of Research Network Member

Each RN shall record and maintain a list of members.

Full Members, these are active members of the Research Network who are fully committed to the work programme of that RN; there shall be three categories of Full Member:

1. **Individual Researchers**, these shall normally be university academics and/or researchers from research institutes (ranging from early career through to retired)
2. **Policy-Makers**, these shall normally be individuals engaged in policy areas relevant to the Research Network, from governmental, non-governmental and/or civil society organisations (ranging from early career through to retired)
3. **Citizen Scientists**, these shall normally be non-professional citizen scientists who have been actively engaged in research in areas relevant to the Research Network

Associate Members, these shall be members who wish to associate with and contribute to the research and policy agenda of the Research Network, but who may not fall into one of the categories above or who may be unable

to give the commitment required as a full member. Associate membership may also be used as a period of transition to Full Membership.

Membership of Research Networks

An individual may be a Full Member of only one Research Network, however a full-member may apply to become an Observer in a second RN, where their membership is seen as advantageous for cross-RN collaboration or where they have expertise that is relevant to the activities of the second RN. They shall inform the Coordinator of their current RN of their wish to apply for Observer membership of another RN and initiate the procedure outlined in point 5. below.

A member of any Research Network may apply to transfer to another RN, if they feel it aligns more closely with their research interests. In this case they shall inform the Coordinator of their current RN of their wish to leave and initiate the procedure for becoming a member.

Individuals seeking to become an individual member of a Research Network shall apply directly to the Coordinator of the relevant Research Network. This application shall normally include a short personal statement on why they wish to join the RN and a short CV in support of their application. They should indicate which type of membership they wish to enjoy.

Applications for individual membership of a Research Network shall be considered by a group consisting of the Coordinator, the Joint-Coordinator (Asia), the Joint-Coordinator (Europe) of the relevant Research Network together with the Chair of the ASEM LLL Hub. If approved, the nomination shall be endorsed by the Council of Coordinators, at which point the membership shall be active.

Each Research Network shall endeavour to have equitable gender and geographical spread.

Institutional Partnership

The ASEM LLL Hub shall seek strategic partnerships with other organisations, like the ASEM Education Secretariat, the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF), and to support its mission and create synergies, for example by jointly organising activities and to support its mission to publish and disseminate the outcomes and outputs or its work as widely as possible.

The ASEM LLL Hub and the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) shall develop a long-term partnership to enhance cooperation and synergies on areas of mutual interest and to reciprocally contribute to activities and processes of each organisation.

The ASEM LLL Hub shall be available as a consultancy resource for governments and global organisations in policy development on lifelong learning.

Institutional Research/Policy Partnerships may be developed to enhance the work of the ASEM LLL Hub and/or a Research Network. These partners

shall normally be institutions (this may include research centres, funded research projects, associations, networks, governmental and inter-governmental bodies, etc.) whose mission aligns with the overall mission of the ASEM LLL Hub and/or one of its Research Networks. The nature of the partnership shall normally be agreed in a memorandum of understanding.

Research Network Activities

Each Research Network shall develop an operational plan (including key activities, milestones, workplan) which it shall bring to the Council of Coordinators. There shall be regular updates and a mid-term review of progress.

In line with the Statement of Intent, each Research Network shall adopt its own research programme, within the ASEM education framework. Each Research Network shall be encouraged to build synergies with all of the other Research Networks and cooperate on Joint events, publications, reports and other actions.

All Research Networks are encouraged to collaborate with the wider research community and with relevant stakeholders including civil society, public and private organisations

Dissemination of Results, Reports and Other Outcomes

The ASEM LLL hub shall provide a platform for discussion and dissemination of comparative research on lifelong learning policy and programmes in European and Asian countries, thereby promoting international cooperation and understanding.

ASEM LLL Hub results, reports and other outcomes shall be open source, unless there are specific exemptions for ethical, proprietary or other justifiable reasons.

Among the platforms for dissemination shall be the websites of ASEM LLL Hub, ASEM Education Secretariat and partner organisations, the ASEM Info board, via Ministries of Education in Asia and Europe, and official meetings of ASEM and ASEF.