The ASEM LLL Hub is an official specialist network of Asian and European universities and research institutes working and learning together to achieve excellence in comparative research on lifelong learning. It also promotes the mobility of students and academic staff within and between the two regions.

In line with ASEM guiding principles, the ASEM LLL Hub aims – in a spirit of mutual respect and equal partnership – to strengthen the relationship and increase mutual understanding between educational researchers, practitioners, and policy makers working in the two regions in order to contribute to evidence-based educational reform and innovation.

Organisation

The ASEM LLL Hub headquarter is at the Danish School of Education, Aarhus University, Denmark, which hosts the Hub’s secretariat. The Hub works in partnership with the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) in Singapore. The Hub’s five active research networks are supported by a Hub University Council composed of senior representatives from its 36 partner universities and by a Hub Advisory Board that brings together 25 national ministries and 5 international organisations. Researchers from some 60 universities in 32 countries participate in the Hub’s activities and publications.

The Thai Ministry of Education chairs the Hub Advisory Board and the Latvian Ministry of Education and Science acts as co-chair. The Danish School of Education, Aarhus University chairs the Hub University Council.

The ASEM LLL Hub strives at following up on the invitation by the ASEM Ministers of Education Meeting to extend its cooperation network to include all ASEM countries, the European Commission and the ASEAN Secretariat.

Objectives

For the specialist field of lifelong learning, the ASEM LLL Hub establishes and supports:

- a network of leading universities and research institutes in all ASEM partner countries that can stimulate the production of new knowledge and the exchange of experiences between the two regions;
- a network of specialist researchers across relevant disciplines that can initiate bilateral and multilateral comparative projects in the field of LLL and that enhances the research capacity of partner universities;
- a network for exchanging students and academics, in the interests of strengthening mutual understanding and higher education collaboration between the two regions;
- an advisory mechanism between the Hub’s university network and an Asia-Europe open meeting of political and institutional LLL stakeholders, thus casting the Hub as an important source for sustainable human resource development and policy recommendations concerning competence development and effective LLL strategies;
- dissemination of research and good practice to interested partners, stakeholders and the broader public in Asia and Europe through publications and the Hub’s website.

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