Who we are

The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) promotes understanding, strengthens relationships and facilitates cooperation among the people, institutions and organisations of Asia and Europe.

Since 1997, ASEF has contributed to education policy dialogue and capacity building, and facilitated youth networks. Run by ASEF’s Education Department (ASEFEdu), our projects strengthen collaborations between education institutions and exchanges among young people, academics and educators through interdisciplinary and pragmatic approaches. In doing so, we directly link these key players in education to the ASEM Education Process and ASEM Leaders’ Meetings.

We create

Networks
We link key players in society and those with shared ambitions on education matters.

Resilience
We empower young people to navigate and develop skills for an ever-changing environment.

Innovation
We advance Asia-Europe education collaboration through a blend of experiential and interdisciplinary learning, evidence-based research, and practical recommendations of formal and non-formal education stakeholders.

Spin-offs
We encourage activities and actions among our networks which create a ripple effect on local and international scales.

Our Focus

Access to Education and Youth Employment from 8 perspectives:

- Age
- Disability
- Education
- Finance
- Gender
- Location
- Social Background
- Technology

Our projects also contribute to the implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

- Quality Assurance and Recognition
- Engaging Business and Industry in Education
- Balanced Mobility
- Lifelong Learning including Technical and Vocational Education and Training

Are you ...

A student or young professional eager to experience and contribute to joint learning opportunities?

An academic interested in exchanging perspectives and research collaborations?

A policy-maker, business person or educator who shares our goals on multi-stakeholder dialogues and actions?

An active observer keen on learning more about ASEFEdu?

Whether you are a prospective participant, a possible partner or just an engaged onlooker, please get in touch and follow our activities on social media!

Join the ASEF Education Community!

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ASEF Education Policy Programme

ASEF Rectors’ Conference and Students’ Forum (ARC)
“Official Dialogue Partner” of the ASEM Education Ministers’ Meeting (ASEMME); forum for university leaders and students to discuss and shape emerging higher education trends in Asia and Europe, and engage with ministers, policy makers and business leaders.

ASEF Education Innovation Labs (ASEF InnoLabs)
Experts’ meetings to share good practices and drive innovation in tertiary education with a focus on science and technology.

ASEF Young Leaders Programme

ASEF Young Leaders Summit (ASEFYLS)
Arena for debate and action on education and ethical leadership, where young professionals meet ASEM Leaders as well as thought and business leaders, to develop a vision for a sustainable future across Asia and Europe.

ASEF Summer University (ASEFSU)
Experiential and interdisciplinary learning at its best; 2-week project for students and young professionals to engage with local communities, governments and businesses to develop creative solutions for societal challenges.

Model ASEM
Youth conference and political simulation to enhance diplomacy, negotiation, and public-speaking skills, with the opportunity for participants to personally meet ASEM Foreign Ministers.

ASEF Teaching and Learning Programme

ASEF Classroom Network (ASEF ClassNet)
Network for secondary, vocational and high school teachers and students to connect in person and flourish through online collaborations and intercultural exchanges.

Across the above programmes: ASEF Capacity Trainings
Opportunity for interdisciplinary skills development for ASEM education stakeholders.

Our projects have impact*

1/3 of participants have initiated spin-off or start-up activities
95% of participants have found new sustainable networks, personally and professionally
93% of participants believe their career opportunities have improved
84% of participants have been inspired to study, work or live abroad in another ASEM partner country
68% of participants believe their behaviour in cultural settings has been positively shaped