CALL FOR PROPOSALS

ASEF Creative Networks is an initiative that encourages collaborations which can reinforce bi-regional networking in the cultural field. Members of existing and/or emerging cultural networks across Asia and Europe are invited to apply.

The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) welcomes the submission of projects that will take place between 1 January 2014 and 30 November 2014. The submission deadline is 15 August 2013.

Since 1997, ASEF maintains an active role in facilitating connections and engagement across different cultures by creating networking opportunities between Asian and European artists, cultural practitioners and creative professionals working in different fields. Through this programme, it aims to reinforce its collaboration with existing/emerging cultural networks across Asia and Europe and enhance the mobility of cultural professionals.

Multilateral proposals that engage many partners and participants from member countries of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM)\(^1\), and which favour effective long-term co-operation are particularly encouraged.

The proposals must meet the following criteria:

Eligibility:

- Applicants from ASEM member countries. Applications shall be submitted by at least one network with members from Asia and/or Europe.
- Proposals shall refer to result-oriented projects and/or activities that facilitate collaboration, dialogue and exchanges between Asia and Europe.
- Submitted projects shall take place in an ASEM country, and/or engage partners and participants from ASEM countries.
- Proposals for online projects have to be managed from an ASEM country.

Other selection criteria may include:

- Projects that offer networking opportunities and/or collaborative activities between relevant counterparts from Asia and Europe.
- The expansion of networks in Asia or Europe into the other region.
- Projects that create platforms (e.g. online platforms) to discuss topics of common interest to the benefit of network members as well as the general public.
- Projects that facilitate the exchange of knowledge and experience, and/or the development of professional capacity-building.
- Projects that reflects the cultural diversity of Asia and Europe, and which aim to expose different ideas and best practices from the two regions.
- Projects that generate tangible output and activities (e.g. research reports, mappings, publications, exhibitions, educational programmes, trainings, capacity-building, the development of online platforms dedicated to the exchange information between Asia and Europe).

We encourage projects that have long-term potential and lead to sustainable results.

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\(^1\) The Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) brings together 49 member states (Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cambodia, China, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Indonesia, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Laos, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mongolia, Myanmar, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, United Kingdom, Vietnam) plus the European Commission and the ASEAN Secretariat.

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This contribution does not cover seed funding or operational costs. ASEF will only partially fund the selected projects for a maximum amount of SGD 25,000. Additional funding sources from other partners and/or sponsors have to be identified by the applicants and be mentioned in the submitted proposal.

PROCEDURE FOR SUBMISSION

Please download the application form from ASEF’s website.

The initial project proposal MUST be submitted in English to ASEF (creative.networks@asef.org) by 15 August 2013 (6.00 pm/18.00 Singapore time).

Important: Please include “CreNet-Abbreviation of the main project partner-Project Name” in the “Name of Project” field on the application form. (The project name should be maximum 30 characters. For example: CreNet-ASEF-Creative Networks.) Project proposals that exceed the word limit will not be considered.

The initial proposal must provide information on:
1. The concept, aims and objectives
2. The potential results
3. The total project budget and the additional sources of funding identified

Shortlisted applicants will be announced on 30 October 2013.

Subsequently, they will be asked to submit a full proposal, which will include the details of the project’s budget and the communication plan.

Deadline for the full proposal is 30 November 2013.

Successful applicants will be informed by December 2013. Please note that only selected applicants will be notified.

For further enquiries, please contact: Ms Sasiwimon WONGJARIN, Project Executive, Department of Cultural Exchange, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) (creative.networks@asef.org).

About ASEF

The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) promotes understanding, strengthens relationships and facilitates cooperation among the people and institutions of Asia and Europe. ASEF enhances dialogue, enables exchanges and encourages collaboration across the fields of governance, economy, sustainable development, public health, culture, and education. Founded in 1997, ASEF is a not-for-profit, intergovernmental organisation located in Singapore. It is the only permanently established institution of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM). Together with about 700 partner organisations ASEF has run more than 600 projects, mainly conferences, seminars and workshops. Over 17,000 Asians and Europeans have participated in its activities and it has reached wider audiences through networks and web-portals, exhibitions and lectures.

For more information, please visit www.asef.org