



Asia-Europe Meeting

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11. Updates from the ASEM Expert Groups (EGs)

Expert Group 1 on **Sustainable Development Goals & Education**

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Background

- Set up in November 2022 at the ISOM ASEMME9
- Co-chairs by Adam Liwak (Malta), Duriya Amatavivat (Thailand) and Reka Tozsa (ASEF)



Mandate and Objectives

- Strengthen collaboration in SDGs among Member States
- Address issues of Diversity, Equality, Inclusion, and Belonging in education
- Support values, skills, and learning related to GCED
- Foster dialogue on SDGs in education
- Promote peer learning

Key Achievements and Progress

**Workplan for
2025-2026**

**(a) Mapping and
Knowledge Exchange**

**(b) Policy and
Research Synergies**

**(c) Strengthening
Partnerships**

Achievements in 2025

EG Meeting 1

Topic:
Setting the Scene

Date:
26 March 2025

*Keynote
Speaker*



Mr Nyi Nyi THAUNG
Education Programme Specialist
UNESCO Bangkok

*Group
Photo*



Achievements in 2025

EG Meeting 2

Topic:
Rethinking Educational Equality:
From Access to Real Inclusion
(SDG 4.1, SDG 4.5, &SDG 4.a)

Date:
22 May 2025

Keynote Speakers



Ms Elīza DĀLDERE
Ministry of Education and Science, Latvia



Mr Philip MASTERSON
SEAMEO Regional Centre for Higher
Education and Development (RIHED)



Prof Dr Azirah HASHIM, FASc
Asia-Europe Institute
Universiti Malaya



Dr Kraiyos PATRAWART
Equitable Education Fund, Thailand

Achievements in 2025

EG Meeting 3: Joint Session of the Expert Group on SDGs and Education & Expert Group on Lifelong Learning and TVET

Topic:
Lifelong Learning & Upskilling for
a Sustainable World
(SDG 4.4 & SDG 8.6)

Date:
10 September 2025

Keynote Speakers



Ms Tine DELVA
Directorate-General for Education, Youth,
Sport and Culture, European Commission



Prof Yukiko SAWANO
University of the Sacred Heart, Japan



Dr Balázs NÉMETH
University of Pécs, Hungary



Mr Phearoun PHEL
General Secretariat of National Council for
Lifelong Learning, Cambodia

Future Activities

EG Meeting 4 (Hybrid), to be held as part of the ARC10 Policy Dialogue

Topic:
Reimagining SDGs and
Education Post-2030

Date:
20 November 2025

This is a hybrid meeting for EG1 members and ARC10 Policy Dialogue participants to discuss the next topic in their work plan, which focuses on ESD and Education Beyond 2030.

Keynote speakers:

- **Lector Univ Dr Ligia DECA**, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA)
- **Prof Dr Zainal Abidin SANUSI**, International Islamic University Malaysia
- **Dr Thérèse ZHANG**, European University Association
- **Dr Jonghwi PARK**, United Nations University

Future Activities

EG Meeting 5

Topic: Global Citizenship Education (GCED) & Civic Engagement
in a Changing World (SDG 4.7.1)

Date: February 2026

EG Meeting 6

Topic: Digital Transformation and the Future of Learning
(SDG 4.3 & SDG 9.c)

Date: May 2026

Proposed to be in partnership with the ASEM EG on Digitalisation and AI

[TBD] EG Meeting 7

Preparatory Session of the EG for the 10th ASEM Education Ministers' Meeting

Date: TBD

Current List of Members

- Austria
- Brunei Darussalam
- Bulgaria
- Cambodia
- European Commission
- Estonia
- Greece
- India
- Indonesia
- Kazakhstan
- Republic of Korea
- Lao PDR
- Latvia
- Malaysia
- Malta (Co-chair)
- Netherlands
- Romania
- Thailand (Co-chair)
- Asia-Europe Institute
- Asia-Europe Foundation (Co-chair)
- Erasmus Student Network
- European Students' Union
- European University Association
- International Association of Universities
- SEAMEO Regional Centre for Higher Education and Development
- UNESCO Bangkok
- ASEM Education Secretariat

We invite Members to Nominate a Representative

- Bangladesh
- **Belgium**
- China
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Finland
- **Germany**
- **France**
- **Hungary**
- **Indonesia**
- **Ireland**
- **Italy**

- **Japan**
- **Lithuania**
- Luxembourg
- Mongolia
- Myanmar
- New Zealand
- Norway
- Pakistan
- **Philippines**
- **Poland**
- Portugal
- Singapore
- **Slovakia**
- Slovenia

- Spain
- Sweden
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- **Viet Nam**



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Thank you for your attention!

Any questions?