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11. Updates from the ASEM Expert Groups (EGs)

Expert Group 2 on **Recognition & Balanced Mobility**

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Composition

✦ **Co-chairs:** Dr Pankaj Mittal (India)

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✦ **25 countries:**

Austria, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Cyprus, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Korea, Lao PDR, Latvia, Lithuania, Malaysia, Malta, Mongolia, New Zealand, Romania, Thailand.

✦ **9 stakeholders:**

Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF), Asia-Europe Institute (AEI), ASEM-DUO Secretariat, Erasmus Student Network (ESN), European Students' Union (ESU), European University Association (EUA), International Association of Universities (IAU), SEAMEO RIHED, UNESCO Bangkok.



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Objectives

- ✦ Foster dialogue and promote mutual understanding, transparency and cooperation between Asian and European counterparts through systematic exchange of information and closer cooperation.
- ✦ Promote peer learning among the Asian and European counterparts, share experience on the existing conventions on recognition, such as the Global Convention on Recognition, the Lisbon Recognition Convention and the Tokyo Convention.
- ✦ Further develop the ASEM Compendium
- ✦ Strengthen collaboration and connectivity by identifying, sharing and promoting good practices.
- ✦ Complementing the work of other ASEM expert groups by providing expertise in the field of recognition of qualifications.



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Activities

- Eight online meetings and one in-person meeting in New Delhi, India
- ASEM Compendium
- 2nd Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM2) in Malta on 24 January 2024
- ASEMME9 in Malta on 25-26 January 2024
- Intermediate Senior Officials' Meeting (ISOM) Bangkok on 18-19 November 2024
- 1st Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM1) in Bucharest, Romania on 18-19 November 2025
- SOM2 and ASEMME10 in 2026





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ASEM Compendium 2025

- 52 country profiles: 35 country profiles created, 17 country profiles to be created.
- New country profiles: Greece, Spain, Viet Nam.
- 2025 updated country profiles: Australia, Belgium Flemish Community, Cyprus, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Korea, Luxemburg, Malta, Singapore, Slovenia.
- 2024 updated country profiles: Brunei Darussalam, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lao PDR, Lithuania, Slovakia, Switzerland.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the ASEM Education Compendium of Country Profiles. The header includes the ASEM Education logo and a navigation menu with links: About, Priority Areas, Events, Initiatives, News, Documents, and Compendium. A search icon is also present. Below the header is a banner image showing a person working in a laboratory. The main heading is "ASEM Education Compendium of Country Profiles". The text below explains that the compendium provides a comprehensive overview of the multiple academic systems of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) partner countries, with the aim to improve transparency on the diverse educational landscape of the ASEM Education Process and to establish a valid source of reference for higher education institutions. It also mentions that more information on the Compendium can be found [here](#). A link to the [Glossary](#) for further information on terminology is provided. A video showing instruction on how to use the Compendium is [available here](#). For countries who would like to update or compile their country profile, please consult the [Guidelines for Contributors](#). Similar and useful country profiles of (higher education) systems of part of the ASEM countries can be consulted on the [ENIC-NARIC website](#) (Network of National Recognition Information Centres in Europe, North America and Oceania), the [APNNIC website](#) (Asia-Pacific Network of National Information Centres), the [website of the EHEA](#) (European Higher Education Area), and the [IAU WHED website](#) (International Association of Universities – World Higher Education Database). Countries willing to fill-out or update their country profile can find here the [ASEM Compendium Guide for Contributors](#) and an empty [Template](#).



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Updates and upcoming initiatives

- Updates from EG members on recent developments, projects, and initiatives
- Discussions on the organisation of webinars on specific topics in the field of Education (i.e. Micro-credentials, Digitalisation, Artificial Intelligence)
- 8th EG meeting on the topic of Balanced Mobility
- 9th EG meeting on the topic of Automatic Recognition
- 10th EG meeting proposal on the topic of Artificial Intelligence
- Partnerships with other ASEM EGs



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8th EG meeting on the topic of Balanced Mobility held on 18 September 2025

- Situation: imbalanced flows between Asia and Europe
- ASEM Partners address this imbalance in all ASEM Education meetings and conferences
- Obstacles are discussed and how to remove them
- Ministers agree to take measures to better balance mobility flows and foster inclusion
- “ASEM Education Strategy 2030” adopted in 2021 declares boosting inclusive Balanced Mobility and Exchanges as one of four Strategic Objectives

Active Programmes

- ASEM DUO Fellowship Programme
- ASEM Work Placement Programme
- Asia-Europe Institute’s Summer School



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9th EG meeting on the topic of Automatic Recognition held on 29 October 2025

>> Council [of the European Union] Recommendation of 26 November 2018 on the promotion of automatic mutual recognition of higher education and upper secondary education and training qualifications and of the results of study periods abroad. (Source: [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/IT/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32018H1210\(01\)&from=EN](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/IT/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32018H1210(01)&from=EN))

AR Tools

- ✖ [Ireland - Automatic Recognition Database: Recognition of Foreign Qualification QQI](#)
- ✖ [Poland - Automatic Recognition Database: Kwalifikator](#)
- ✖ [Italy - Automatic Recognition Database ARDI](#)
- ✖ [Sweden - Automatic Recognition Database: Qualifications Assessment Tool - Swedish Council for Higher Education](#)
- ✖ [anabin - Das Infoportal zu ausländischen Bildungsabschlüssen ZAB der KMK The information portal for foreign educational qualifications](#)
- ✖ [AR-GO SKVC \(Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education\)](#)



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Thank you for your attention!

Any questions?