



Asia-Europe Meeting

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6. Handover of the ASEM Lifelong Learning Hub Secretariat from Ireland to Thailand

ASEM Lifelong Learning Hub: A Context for LLL Collaboration

SOM1 - Bucharest

November 18, 2025

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Key Aspects of ASEM Lifelong Learning HUB

ASEM Lifelong Learning Hub

Research and Dialogue

- Facilitates collaborative research
- Platform for academics, policymakers and practitioners
- Develops evidence-based knowledge + support policy
- Drive innovation on a hot global topic of LLL
- Drives capacity building by linking emerging & established researchers (especially important for Asian partners)

Global Network

- Cultivates inter-regional networks of higher education, researchers, policy-makers, stakeholders and practitioners in Asia and Europe.
- Seven research networks, each focused on a specialist domain(s), but engaging in cross-cutting issues and collaboration.
- Linked to other global networks and organisations: UNESCO; ILO, OECD; SEAMEO, ASEAN; ENQA; ICAE; EUCEN; AAACE; RECLA; ESREA (influence well past Asia-Europe context)

The Mission Agreed in 2020



LLL research that addresses the complexities of contemporary society.



Address ordinary people and global challenges.



LLL from basic education to advanced skills and knowledge



How to live with each other in a changing world



How to live our lives better.



LLL the essential paradigm in unpredictable world of technology, climate, migration, security and global health



LLL learning not linear, divided into phases, having exit points and conclusions.



Collaboration and partnership building a key mission



Generate evidence to understand current trends and influence future directions

Current Research Networks

- RN1: e-ASEM (Digital Learning Management Systems, Techno-Pedagogic Skills and Knowledge Network Communities in Lifelong Learning)
- RN2: Workplace Learning
- RN3: Professionalization of Adult Teachers and Educators in ASEM countries
- RN4: National strategies for Lifelong Learning
- RN5: Lifelong Learning Transitions
- RN6: Learning Cities and Learning Regions
- RN7: Non-Formal, Informal Learning & Civil Society
- *REGIONAL CENTRES:*
 - South Asia Centre
 - Southeast Asia Centre
- *NATIONAL LIASON OFFICERS:*
 - Japan, Mongolia, Lao DPR



Thailand
new host
country from
November
18, 2025

Established Global Lifelong Learning Week

2022 and 2024

ASEM Lifelong Learning Hub

Takeaways from 2024 GLLLW

- Theme: VUCA (Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity, Ambiguity)
- Over 50 speakers
- Over 200 participants
- Over 40 countries
- Collaboration with eucen
- Established as bi-annual event of host country

Keynote Speakers Included:

- Marit Honerød Hoveid, President of the European Educational Research Association (EERA)—Norway
- Yeo Li Pheow, Director, Institute of Adult Learning, Singapore—Singapore
- Steve Fry, President, American Association for Adult and Continuing Education (AAACE)—United States



Arne Carlsen Founding Chair

- UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL) 2011-2017
- Founding Chair and Inspirational leader of ASEM LLL HUB



Chula
Chulalongkorn University

Chair ASEM LLL Hub

Professor Dr. Wilert Puriwat

**Thailand
2025-2030**

- Chulalongkorn University
 - World Ranking University
 - Top University in Thailand
 - Long tradition in LLL
 - Active in ASEM LLL Hub for many years
- Professor Wilert Puriwat
 - 18th President of Chulalongkorn University
 - Dynamic and visionary leader

Thank you!





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**ASEM-LLL Visionary
Chulalongkorn University
as Chair of the ASEM LLL Hub**

Professor Wilert Puriwat, D. Phil. (Oxon)

1st Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM1)
Bucharest, Romania
18-19 November 2025



Chula
Chulalongkorn University

ASEAN'S TOP 10

**No.1 in Thailand
17th Consecutive Year***



*by QS World University Rankings 2026





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Institutional Legacy



Royal Foundations

Founded in 1917 with a royal mission for modernisation and educational excellence



Century of Collaboration

Over 100 years of international partnerships and academic diplomacy



Global Leadership

Strong legacy in shaping educational policy across Southeast Asia





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Vision of ASEM LLL

Leading Driver

Position Chulalongkorn University at the forefront of innovative sustainable lifelong learning initiatives.

Global Connectivity

Learning. Foster inclusive ecosystems that connect Asia-Europe educational institutions for the future of innovative sustainable Lifelong Learning.

Digital Lifelong Ecosystem for Sustainability

Leverage technology to create accessible, professional development, adaptable research & learning solutions across ASEM and regions.





Strategic Framework Overview

Asia-Europe Dialogue & Global Connectivity

Joint research initiatives and global policy development;
professional development, mobility, and global outreach

I - R N

Impactful Research Networks

Expanding research networks and digital engagement

I - S - LLL

Innovative Sustainable Lifelong Learning

Biennial LLL week & showcase events

ASEM Education for All

The world class for everyone

**We connect people
together**



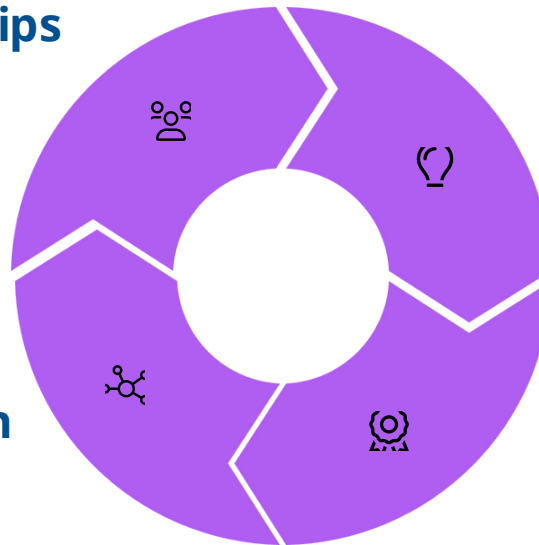
Pillar 1 – Asia – Europe Dialogue & Global Connectivity

Prestigious Partnerships

All previous partners
from ASEM-Education,
LLL hub, APRU, AUN,
UNESCO, ILO, TVET,
EG, OECD, and SEAMEO,
and open for more

Mobility & Global Outreach

Faculty & staff
student exchange



Young ASEM Platform

Youth dialogues,
innovation labs,
and showcases

Re/Up skills Essential Skills Workforce

Micro-credential youth
research / awards
celebrating next-
generation

Pillar 2 – Impactful Research Network



Thematic Impactful Research Networks

Empowered the existing research networks & more toward Innovative sustainable LLL



Knowledge Hub Production

Generate publications, educational toolkits, and evidence-based policy briefs



Digital Transformation & Engagement

Host webinars, podcasts, and open educational platforms



Pillar 3– Innovative Sustainable Lifelong Learning



Annual Research Calls

Based on research networks focus; skills development, digital, etc..



Knowledge Hub Production

Generate publications, educational toolkits, and evidence-based policy briefs



Global Connectivity

Leverage LLL-Global connectors platform for maximum reach, Lifelong Learning Week



Asia -Europe Academic Alliance Chula Internal Administration

Office of the X-LLL

① Professional Development
Re/Up Skills Partners
Micro-credential

Office of Global Outreach


Faculty students & staff mobility, LLL
Week, Co-Club of Interest

ⓧ Impactful Grants for impactful SDG
Publications Web/seminar


Office of Impactful Research Networks


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2026-2030**

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AI Awards 2026

Learning for a Sustainable Future
with Artificial Intelligence

February 2nd, 2026

- Hosted by Chulalongkorn University Bangkok, Thailand
- Co-hosted by ASEM Lifelong Learning Hub Regional Centre for South Asia





We connect the world for All



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Our Commitment

Shaping a globally
connected, digitally
empowered future of
**Innovative Sustainable
Lifelong Learning**
across Asia and Europe
through ASEM-Education
leadership.