

Asia – Europe (ASEM) Education Ministers’ Meeting

Vocational Education and Training Initiative

(proposed by Latvia in 2015 during ASEMME5)

Date: April 25-26, 2018

Riga, Latvia

Venue: Grand Poet Hotel by Semarah Hotels

Referring to the 5th ASEM Education Ministers’ Meeting (ASEMME5) Riga, 27-28 April 2015 ASEM Education Collaboration for Results – Conclusions¹ by the Chair as well as emphasising the importance of VET during the **6th ASEM Education Ministers’ Meeting^[SEP] “Collaboration for the Next Decade: From Common Perspectives to Effective Fulfilment”** Conclusions by the Chair, paragraph 34:

34. Welcomed Latvia’s initiative to promote a dialogue on sharing best practices and future perspectives in TVET in order to encourage collaboration and partnership between ASEM partners in the TVET framework in close cooperation with Austria, Brunei Darussalam, Belgium (Flemish Community), France, Germany, Indonesia, the Philippines and the Russian Federation. The Ministers invited other ASEM partners and relevant stakeholders to participate in this initiative.

Latvia proposes to organise a seminar – **ASEM Technical and Vocational Education and Training.**

Goal of the Seminar: To exchange the best practices on TVET policies in ASEM countries through dialogue, specifically focusing on presenting examples of involvement of industry in TVET planning, education and training process, skills development and international cooperation.

Participants: Representatives from all ASEM countries representing ministries, agencies, or stakeholder organizations.

Expected results: Exchange of practices between participants of the seminar from European and Asian countries on topical matters related to the TVET developments in policy planning and methodology areas. Possibly, there can be conclusions drawn from the meeting to be presented to all ASEM countries.

¹ <http://www.izm.gov.lv/images/presidency/ASEMME5CONCLUSIONSBYTHECHAIR280415.pdf>

AGENDA

Moderator: State Education Development Agency, director Ms Dita Traidas

	Arrival day – 24 April	Notes
19:00	Welcome cocktail and dinner, socialising	Grand Poet Hotel (Club Zone)
	Day 1 – 25 April	
09:00 09:30	Registration	Grand Poet Hotel (room Epic)
09:30 09:40	Opening by the Ministry of Education and Science of Latvia	State Secretary of the Ministry of Education and Science of Latvia Ms Līga Lejiņa
09:40 09:50	Opening by ASEM Education Secretariat	Mr David Urban, Senior Official, ASEM Education Secretariat
09:50 10:20	Introduction round of participants	
10:20 10:40	Keynote speech on TVET policy. Presentation by the European Commission	Ms Dana-Carmen Bachmann, Head of Unit, Unit E3, Vocational training, Apprenticeships and Adult learning, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission
10:40 11:00	Feedback, questions, discussion	
11:00 11:20	Coffee/Tea break	
11:20 11:40	Thematic presentations by the host country: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent reforms and VET developments in Latvia 	Mr Janis Gaigals, Director, Department of Vocational Education and Training, National Centre for Education (Curriculum and Examinations)
11:40 12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Validation of learning outcomes through informal and non-formal learning (principles, procedures, institutional conditions and stakeholders role) 	Ms Līva Šmaukstele, Senior Officer, Quality Assessment Department, State Education Quality Service
12:00 12:20	Feedback, questions, discussion	
12:20 12:40	Latest developments in TVET in Russia	Ms Olga Oleynikova, Director, Centre for VET Studies of Russian Federation
12:40 13:00	Feedback, questions	
13:00 14:00	Lunch at the venue	Grand Poet Hotel
14:00	Transfer to <i>Riga State Technicum</i>	By bus
14:30 16:30	Visit in <i>Riga State Technicum</i>	Introduction of printing&publishing and electrician training programmes



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16:30	Transfer to the hotel	By bus
17:00 19:00	Free time	
19:00 21:00	Organized dinner	Restaurant “3 Pavāru restorāns” http://www.3pavari.lv/en
Time	Day 2 – 26 April	Grand Poet Hotel (room Ode 1 + Ode 2)
9:30 9:50	Thematic presentations by the host country: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislation, administration and institutional arrangements for involvement of industry and employers in VET 	Ms Ruta Porniece, Head of Education and Employment Department, Employers’ Confederation of Latvia
9:50 10:10	Feedback, questions	
10:10 10:40	Skills competitions as TVET prestige and excellence hub, place where industry and TVET meet	Ms Dita Traidās, Director, State Education Development Agency
10:40 11:10	Moderated discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the desired and existing cooperation practises between the regions (Asia/European) in the field of TVET? • How would you like to promote such cooperation within ASEM Education process? 	Moderator: ASEM Education Secretariat representative
11:10	Transfer to Riga Exhibition Centre <i>Kipsala</i>	By bus
11:30 13:30	Tour around <i>SkillsLatvia 2018</i> National TVET competition	Riga Exhibition Centre <i>Kipsala</i>
13:30 15:00	Lunch	Restaurant “Kolonāde” http://kolonade.lv/en
15:00 17:00	City tour	Walking
End of official programme		

Practical considerations: Latvian counterparts cover venue costs, meals and local transport to the sites in the agenda and a city tour, while flights, hotel costs, transport to and from the airport are to be covered by the participants themselves.

Hotel: **Grand Poet Hotel by Semarah Hotels**
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