

Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) Education Department

Enhancing Connectivity between
Asia & Europe
By Boosting Inclusive & Balanced
Mobility and Exchanges

**ASEM Senior Officials Meeting (SOM1)
In preparation of the ASEMME8
14 September 2021**



Agenda

1. ASEF's Role within the ASEM Education Process
2. ASEF's Contributions to the ASEM Education Strategy 2030 & Action Plan
3. ASEF's Impact

Agenda - 1

ASEF's Role within the ASEM Education Process





ASEF

- Created in 1997, intergovernmental not-for-profit organisation based in Singapore
- The **only permanently established institution** of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Process
- Funded by voluntary contributions from the 53 ASEM Partners
- **Facilitates** bi-regional dialogue, knowledge exchange and collaboration
- **Connects** Civil Society & Governments
- **Areas of work: Education, Culture, Governance, Sustainable Development, Public Health & Economy**



Asian Governments

European Governments

Take Guidance

Inject Inputs

Connect

Connect



Engage

Engage

Civil Societies Asia

Civil Societies Europe



Link

Agenda – 2

ASEF's Contributions to the ASEM Education Strategy 2030 & Action Plan



Contributions to the ASEM Education Strategy 2030



Strategic Objective 1:

Enhancing Connectivity between Asia and Europe by Boosting Inclusive and Balanced Mobility and Exchanges



Strategic Objective 2:

Promoting Lifelong Learning (LLL), Including Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET)



Strategic Objective 3:

Fostering a Skills' Approach to Education and Training



**Contributions to the ASEM Action Plan 2030
Projects for the ASEM Youth**

ASEF Young Leaders Summit (ASEFYLS)

- **Official youth event at ASEM Summits** with ASEM Youth Intervention
- **Thought & action leadership programme** for students & young professionals that focuses on values & sustainable impact in society
- **Personal meetings** between Youth and ASEM Leaders from all 51 ASEM countries
- **Access** to an invaluable network that drives key priorities of ASEM and the UN Agenda2030 and trains future societal leaders

In 2021:

ASEFYLS4 on
“Sustainable
Development in a
Post-COVID-19 World”
Youth Event of the
13th ASEM Summit





Upcoming in 2022:

10th Model ASEM
Youth Event of the
15th ASEM Foreign
Ministers' Meeting

Model ASEM

- **Official youth event** at ASEM FMMs with ASEM Youth Intervention
- **Capacity-building** for students to fine-tune their skills in diplomacy, negotiation, consensus-building and public speaking
- **Personal meetings** between students and their Foreign Ministers from all 51 ASEM countries
- **Access** to an invaluable network that promotes Youth Diplomacy, Asia-Europe relations and creates ASEM Youth Ambassadors
- **Spin-off editions** organised locally by students & civil society organisations

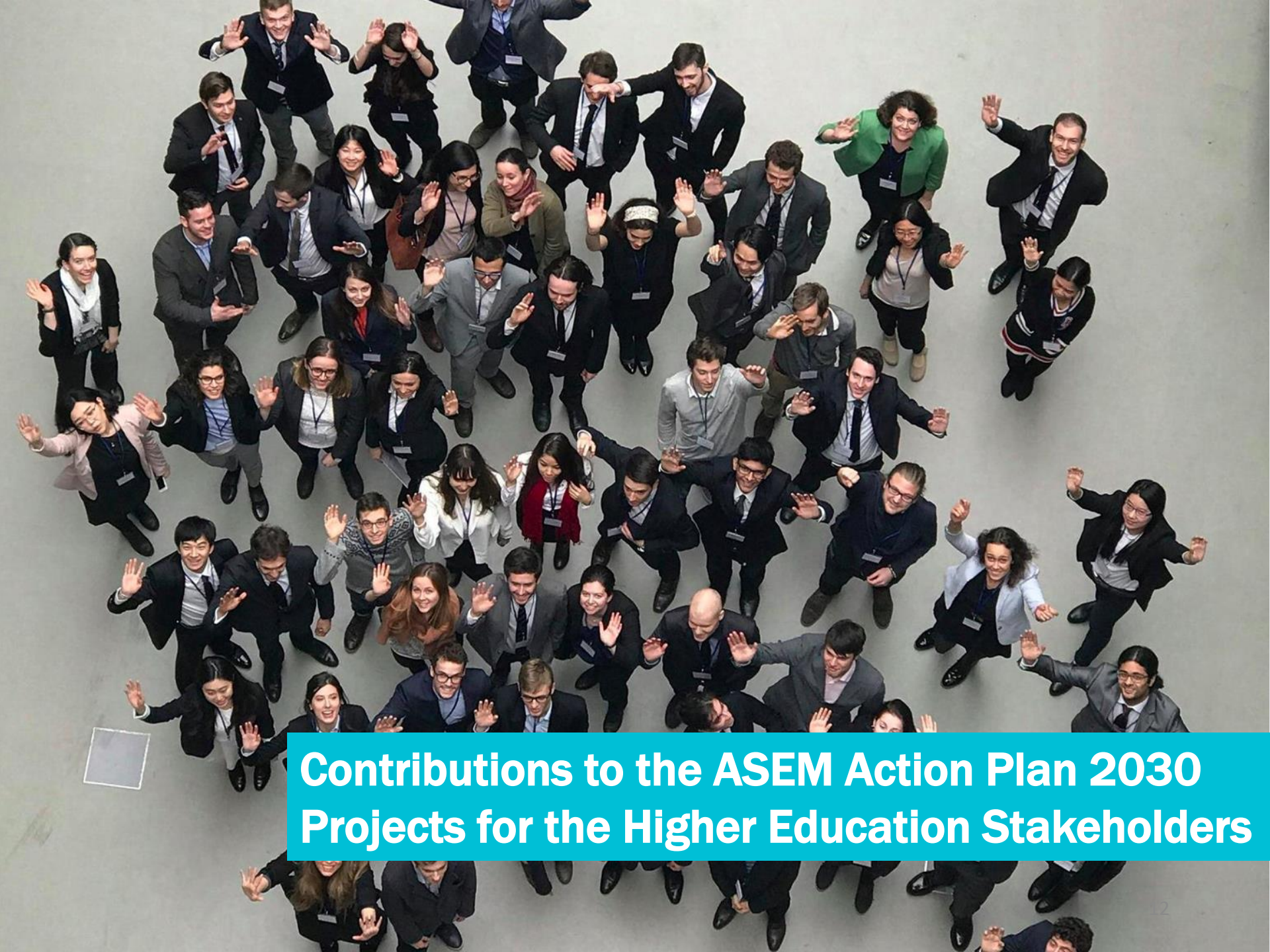
ASEF Summer University (ASEFSU)

- **Capacity building & Global Citizenship Education for students & young professionals** through an experiential learning journey across ASEM-countries & virtually
- **Interdisciplinary Hackathon** where ASEM youth, local communities & ASEM stakeholders collaborate to tackle socio-economic challenges and develop (digital) solutions
- **Awareness creation and promotion** of ASEM priorities & the SDGS of UN Agenda2030

In 2021:

ASEFSU23 on “Liveable Cities for a Sustainable Future”, in partnership with the ASEM LLL Hub





**Contributions to the ASEM Action Plan 2030
Projects for the Higher Education Stakeholders**

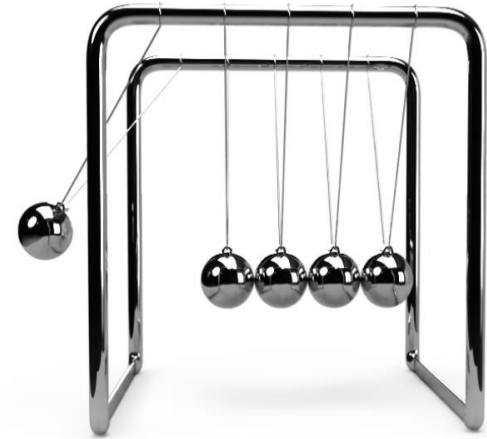


ASEF Regional Conference on Higher Education (ARC)

- **Official Dialogue Partner & Official Side-Event** of the ASEM Education Ministers' Meeting (ASEM ME)
- The only **bi-regional multi-stakeholder dialogue platform** for university and student leaders, experts, policy makers and ministers
- Its main outputs, including **research & policy recommendations** feed into the preparation process of the ASEM Education Ministers' Meetings
- **Capacity Building Trainings** on SDGs as spin-offs for the higher education sector

In 2021:

ARC8 on “Outlook 2030: Inclusive and Diverse Higher Education in Asia and Europe”



ASEF Innovation Laboratories (ASEFInnolabs)

- **Design thinking laboratory** for leaders, managers and administrators of tertiary higher education institutions in charge of innovation and research
- A project that **incentivises STEM collaboration among ASEM universities** and creates a sustainable peer network
- Methodology is **learner-centred, collaboration focused** and inspires personal and institutional actions

In 2021:

ASEFInnolabs1 & 2 on
“Universities’ Role In Data
Science & Artificial
Intelligence (AI) Innovation
Ecosystems”

先生はただね。

良い時間をすごしてください。

You can ask my students
anything!

Don't ask teachers!

**Contributions to the ASEM Action Plan 2030
Projects in Secondary Education**

Have a good time!



ASEF Classroom Network

- The **only platform in Asia and Europe** that facilitates connectivity, knowledge and intercultural exchange between secondary, high, and vocational schools
- **Sustainable network** for collaboration & co-creation where teachers & students **discuss, explore and apply education technology** at the secondary level education
- Contributes to **teacher professionalisation** and the **development of 21st century skills among students** by focusing on contemporary education topics

In 2021:

School Collaborations on
SDG3 – Health & Wellbeing
SDG5 – Gender Equality
SDG13 – Climate Action

This is only the beginning, and we have a lot of work ahead



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Agenda – 3 ASEF's Impact



ASEF's Impact

Knowledge Creation, Sharing & Learning

- Peer-to-Peer Exchange
- ASEM-wide studies, reports & policy recommendations
- Communication campaigns for ASEM Education stakeholders

Engagement & Visibility

- Projects across all 51 ASEM countries
- Ca. 15-20 activities per year
- Ca. 45,000 followers on social media

Connectivity & Collaboration

- Network of over 4,500 active alumni; outreach to ca. 1,000 education institutions and ca. 70,000 individuals
- 87% of ASEFEdu participants stay in contact with peers
- 25% of them collaborate on a specific project

We look forward to
collaborating with you!
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