

ASIA-EUROPE MEETING (ASEM)
Expert Group on Lifelong Learning and TVET Meeting
 13 February 2023
 online
Draft Minutes

Participants

#	Delegation	Name	Surname
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6	Italy	Elisa	Petrucci
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8	UNESCO-UNEVOC	Michael	Schwarz
9	ASEM Education Secretariat	Vera	Lucke
10	ASEM Education Secretariat	Sibeles	Chiari

Bulgaria, Brunei, ETF, EUA, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia and Romania have not participated in this meeting.

Welcome by Luca Lantero, Head of the ASEM Education Secretariat

On behalf of Mr. Luca Lantero, Ms. Vera Lucke welcomed all members of the Expert Group on Lifelong Learning and TVET (EG3). She recounted the decision agreed during the ISOM 2022 to establish this new Expert Group, whose Terms of Reference will be decided directly by its members.

Attachment: ASEM_EG3_Meeting_Agenda_13022023

Tour de Table

All participants briefly introduced themselves.

Discussion on updated Terms of Reference for the Expert Group 3 on Lifelong Learning and TVET and appointment of chairs

The template of the Terms of Reference of the Expert Group 3 was presented for comments.

In general, participants have approved the structure of the ToR.

The **working period** is from February 2023 to the 10th ASEM Ministerial Conference (ASEMME10) in 2026.

As for the **composition**, it was reminded that membership remains open.

Regarding the **purpose and intended outcomes**, the importance of producing benefits for both, countries and stakeholders, was highlighted.

Brainstorming on topics:

- The group should define activities, meetings, study visits, etc. How to exchange information/experience on LLL and TVET? How to build on past ASEM activities on this topic? How could countries better cooperate in this field? The group could propose a keynote speaker for the ASEMME.
- Discuss perspective from which we look at LLL and TVET as a way to upskilling and reskilling.
- Add statement about collaboration of EG with ASEM LLL Hub complementing each other and the EG's representation in the International Advisory Council of the ASEM LLL Hub.
- TVET's major trends in digitalization and sustainability: how are ASEM partners dealing with integrating these trends in new qualifications and competencies in order to meet the requirements of the labor market? Discussing concrete innovative practices and examples from the ASEM countries.
- Concerning digitalization: micro-credential could be discussed and other specific topics defined. How to ensure QA of these qualifications?
- Peer learning activities could be organised.
- Define if the group wants to produce papers or to organize knowledge exchange activities.
- Developments in the TVET system in different countries to cope with the rapidly changing of work.

The finalized Terms of Reference will be officially adopted at the Senior Officials' Meeting 1 that will take place in Malta on 22 and 23 May 2023.

Proposals for the appointment of chairs:

- Séamus Ó Tuama, Chair of the ASEM LLL Hub Secretariat

The group approved the proposal, hence, to have as chair Mr. Séamus Ó Tuama. As no Asian country nor stakeholder proposed itself as a Co-chair and with the intention to have balance between Asia and Europe, Mr. Séamus Ó Tuama suggested reaching out to Malaysia's Expert (member of this EG3 but absent at this meeting, because of its active role in the ASEM LLL Hub. The group welcomed this idea.

In general, the chair(s) report(s) progress to the Intermediate Senior Officials' Meeting (ISOM) and Senior Officials' Meetings (SOM) and is responsible to organise group meetings, to oversee the activities and to take the minutes of this EG's meetings. The ASEM Education Secretariat supports the chair(s).

Next steps:

The Secretariat will contact Malaysia's Expert asking for her availability to become a Co-chair. The Co-chairs will propose a first version of the Terms of Reference to the group via e-mail and ask for inputs on activities and topics. The Co-chairs will organise an online meeting to finalise the ToR and to start planning the activities.

Attachment: ASEM_EG3_Draft_ToR_13022023

Planning of the next EG3 meeting

The Expert Group on Lifelong Learning and TVET will gather online (once or twice) before the Senior Officials' Meeting 1 takes place. The dates will be decided by the Co-chairs and the group in the next weeks. The possibility of holding a (if possible hybrid) meeting in Malta during the timeslot for the bilateral meetings on 22 May was pointed out. The ASEM Education Secretariat will support the planning of the next meeting by sending a doodle with dates proposed by the Co-chairs.



Any Other Business

The Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM1) is taking place on 22 and 23 May in Malta, whereas the Ministerial Meeting (ASEMME9) will probably take place in January or early February 2024 in Malta.

The list of Expert Group members will be sent by the ASEM Education Secretariat to the Co-chairs and to the whole group.

Closing Remarks

The Chair thanked all the participants and closed the meeting.

Minutes drafted by the ASEM Education Secretariat on 13 February 2023