

ASIA-EUROPE MEETING (ASEM)

Expert Group on Recognition and Balanced Mobility Meeting

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Draft Minutes

Participants

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Austria, Bulgaria, Brunei, Cambodia, EQAR, Hungary, Indonesia, Korea, Lao PDR, Malta, Mongolia and Romania have not participated in this meeting.

Welcome by Luca Lantero, Head of the ASEM Education Secretariat

Mr. Luca Lantero welcomed all members of the Expert Group on Recognition and Balanced Mobility (EG2). He 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_EG2_Meeting_Agenda_13022023

Tour de Table

All participants briefly introduced themselves.

Discussion on updated Terms of Reference for the Expert Group 2 on Recognition and Balanced Mobility and appointment of chairs

The template of the Terms of Reference of the Expert Group 2 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, on condition of approval by the Ministers during ASEMME9

It was suggested to add a preamble to report what has already been done in the ASEM context linked to this field. This EG should also work on a follow-up of the [ASEM Compendium](#).

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:

- Collect good practices on mobility programmes and cooperation;
- Automatic Recognition and Regional/Global Recognition Conventions;
- Peer Learning Activities;
- The group could do 1. Data collection, 2. Figure out best practices, 3. Identify challenges and 4. Propose actions

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:

- Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU);
- Marina Malgina, Head of Global Engagement Unit at the Information Centre on Academic Mobility and Equivalence (CIMEA), Italy.

The group approved the proposals, hence, to have as Co-chairs Ms. Marina Malgina and Ms. Pakaj Mittal. The group welcomed the charring balance between Asia and Europe. In general, the Co-chairs report progress to the Intermediate Senior Officials' Meeting (ISOM) and Senior Officials' Meetings (SOM) and are responsible to organise group meetings, to oversee the activities and to take the minutes of the EG's meetings. The ASEM Education Secretariat supports the Co-chairs.

Next steps: 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_EG2_Draft_Template_ToR_13022023

Planning of the next EG2 meeting



The Expert Group on Recognition and Balanced Mobility will gather before the Senior Officials' Meeting 1 takes place. The dates and the modality (whether in person or online) 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 dates shall be set soon.

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.

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