

ASIA-EUROPE MEETING (ASEM)

Expert Group on SDGs and Education Meeting

28 March 2023

Online

Minutes

1. Welcome Note

Co-chair (Europe) Ms. Gabriella Mallia welcomed the participants and informed them that the new Co-Chair (Asia) Ms. Duriya Amatavivat, Special Advisor, Ministry of Education, Thailand also joined this meeting.

2. The Terms of Reference for the Expert Group 1 SDGs and Education

Ms. Gabriella Mallia asked the participants if they had additional feedback to the Terms of Reference for the Expert Group 1 SDGs and Education. The updated ToR which was circulated by email included the feedback from Ms. Gonneke de Ridder, Policy Coordinator for UNESCO & SDGs, regarding widening the focus on the SDGs on all levels of education, not just on primarily higher education.

Co-Chair (Asia) Ms. Duriya Amatavivat recommended to add the 'interregional' level and to strengthen collaboration in SDGs. Ms. Gonneke de Ridder added that the 'local' level is important. Ms. Gabriella Mallia said the updated ToR will be sent to all members for their final feedback. The final TORs will be officially adopted at the Senior Officials' Meeting 1 that will take place in Malta on 22 and 23 May 2023. *Attachment: [Terms of Reference for the Expert Group 1 SDGs and Education](#).*

3. Next steps and activities

Members are invited to indicate their availability of holding a third meeting before the Senior Officials' Meeting 1 that will take place in Malta. The members are invited to indicate their availability [through this form](#).

4. Presenting national practices and projects on SDGs.

The following representatives presented their national practices and projects on SDGs and what has already been done to promote and achieve sustainable education.

- Azirah Hashim, Asia-Europe Institute (AEI)
- Reka Tozsa, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)
- Adrian Veale, European Commission
- Ana Gvritshvili, European Students' Union (ESU)
- Theodora Famprikezi, (EUA)
- Philip Masterson, SEAMEO RIHED
- Anna Schinwald, Austria
- Dina Roslina Haji Aliuddin, Brunei
- Chankoulika BO, Cambodia
- Baiba Molnika, Latvia
- Gabriella Mallia, Malta
- Gonneke de Ridder, Netherlands
- Madalina Matei, Romania
- Hongfah Veeranopparat, Thailand

5. Any Other Business

The participants discussed how to proceed going forward, to establish what to do with these shared practices. Co-Chair (Asia) Ms. Duriya Amatavivat suggested that a template can be shared with the countries to share their progress in one format. Mr. Adrian Veale said that it would be interesting to address the gap that the group want to fill. The participants asked if the statistics and information which has already been gathered can be shared with the participants. Ms. Reka Tozsa, ASEF, informed the participants the information was shared during the ISOM meeting and that she would be available to share the outcomes again. Another meeting can be arranged before the meeting in Malta.

Co-chair (Europe) Ms. Gabriella Mallia thanked the participants and informed them that the updated ToR will be circulated by email. The participants were invited to share their presentations by email to the co-chairs, to be shared with the group.