



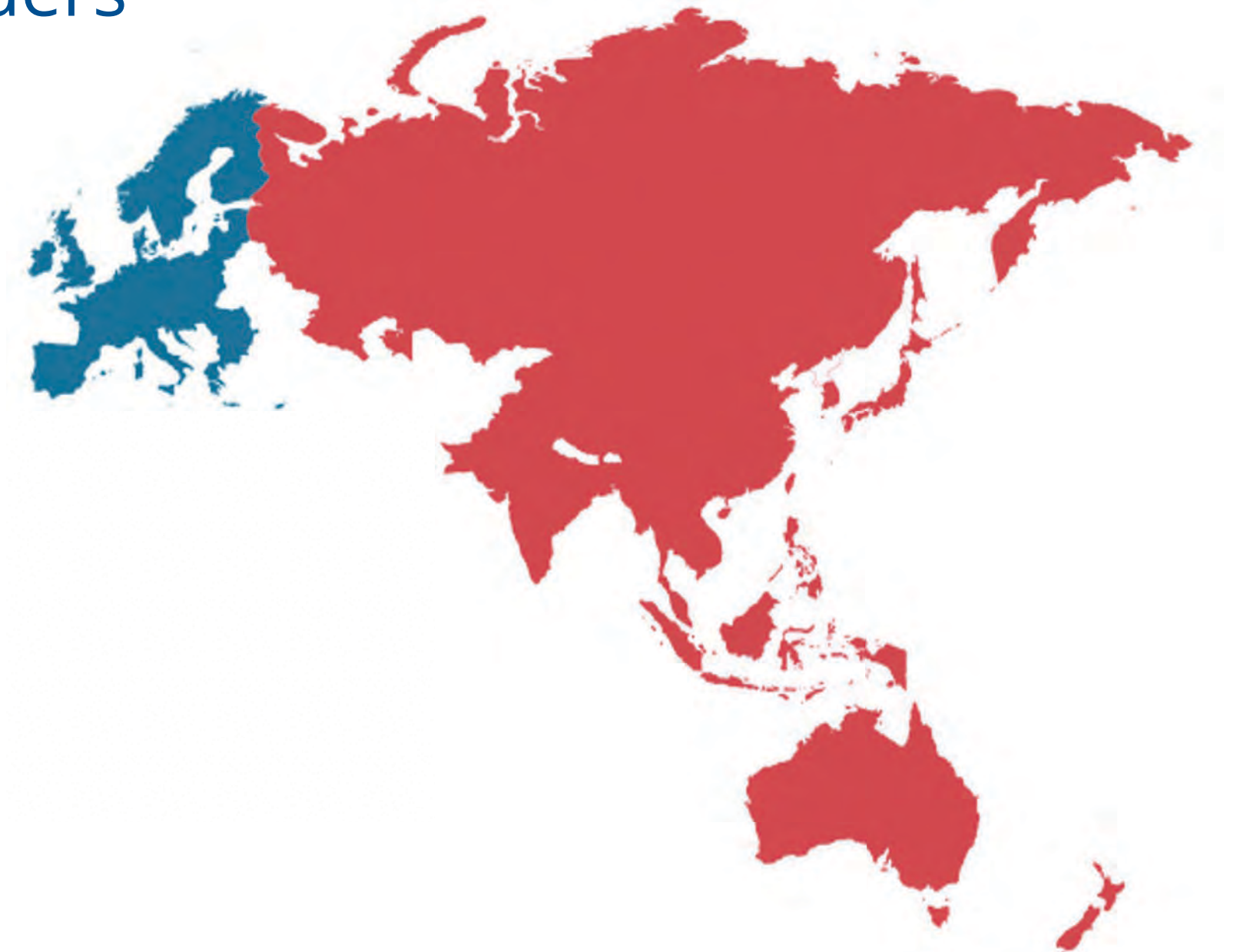
Asia-Europe Meeting

the ASEM Education Secretariat

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What is the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM)?

- Since **1996**, ASEM has been a **unique informal platform** for dialogue and cooperation between Asia and Europe bringing together **30 European and 21 Asian countries, the European Union and the ASEAN Secretariat** + many stakeholders
- ASEM is based on **3 pillars**:
 1. political;
 2. economic and financial;
 3. social, cultural & **educational**



What is the ASEM Education Process (AEP) ?

In 2006, ASEM Leaders underlined the importance of multidimensional **dialogue and cooperation in education** and this awareness led to the inception of the **ASEM Education Process**, hence in **2008** the first ASEM Education Ministers' Meeting (**ASEMME1**) took place in Berlin.

ASEM partners and stakeholders meet regularly and work on the following **4 thematic priorities**:

1. Quality Assurance and Recognition
2. Engaging Business and Industry in Education
3. Balanced Mobility
4. Lifelong Learning including TVET

and two transversal themes:

- Sustainable Development
- Digitalisation

The Process is coordinated by the **ASEM Education Secretariat** (AES) that rotates every 4 years between ASEM countries. In July 2022 **Italy** took over the AES mandate (hosted by CIMEA).

Current ASEM Education Process Activities 2022-2024

- Intermediate Senior Officials' Meeting (ISOM) in November 2022
- 1st Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM1) in May 2023

Four Expert Groups:

1. **Expert Group on SDGs and Education** co-chaired by Malta and Thailand
2. **Expert Group on Recognition and Balanced Mobility** co-chaired by Italy and India
3. **Expert Group on Lifelong Learning and TVET** chaired by the ASEM Lifelong Learning Hub (Ireland)
4. **Expert Group on Digitalisation** chaired by Germany



Intermediate Senior Officials' Meeting (ISOM), 24-25 November 2022, Malta



Senior Officials' Meeting 1 (SOM1), 22-23 May 2023, Malta

What is next?...

Senior Officials Meeting 2 and 9th ASEM Ministers' Meeting

24 and 25-26 January, Malta

“Leaving no one behind”

Main Objectives:

- Meeting of ASEM Countries' Ministers, speeches from Ministers on priority topics, bilateral meetings
- Adoption of the **Conclusions by the Chair 2024** => guidelines for the next 2 years of the ASEM Education Process
- Presentation of the **Stocktaking Report 2024** => document that collects the state of play of all activities and projects ongoing in the ASEM framework

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