

ASEF Outlook Report 2016/2017

Open Call for Papers

Education & Connectivity

BACKGROUND

The [Asia-Europe Foundation \(ASEF\)](#) is a not-for-profit intergovernmental organisation, bringing together people, institutions and organisations of Asia and Europe to exchange perspectives, share best practises and develop solutions for a joint and sustainable future.

In support of the [9th Asia-Europe Meeting Summit \(ASEM9\)](#) in 2012, in Lao PDR, ASEF launched its first “Outlook Report”. The [ASEM Outlook Report 2012 – Foresight is 20/20: Scenario Building for Policy Analysis and Strategy Development](#) presented complementary sets of insights into the status and future possibilities for Asia-Europe relations.

To capitalise on the success of the Report, in conjunction with the [10th ASEM Summit \(ASEM10\)](#) in 2014, in Milan, ASEF published the [ASEF Outlook Report 2014/2015 – Facts & Perspectives](#), offering an analysis of emerging global and regional challenges associated with sustainable growth and development.

These 2-volume publications, including both quantitative indicators and qualitative perceptions, provide an analysis of major trends that represent the key challenges and opportunities for the Asia-Europe relations and their implications on the [Asia-Europe Meeting \(ASEM\)](#) process.

In the run-up to the 20th anniversary of the ASEM in 2016 and the [11th ASEM Summit \(ASEM11\)](#) in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, ASEF will develop an *ASEF Outlook Report 2016/2017*. In its contribution to developing recommendations for the future direction of ASEM, the Outlook Report will identify the main components and the impact of connectivity on the Asia-Europe relation.

The objectives of the ASEF Outlook Report 2016/2017 are:

- Analyse issues related to the topic of “connectivity between Asia and Europe” and their impact on the Asia-Europe relations
- Channel the outcomes of the Report to key policy-makers and stakeholders in the ASEM process
- Contribute recommendations on the future direction of ASEM

The following audiences will receive and use the Outlook Report:

- ASEM Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Economy and Finance, Environment, Education, Culture, Labour, Employment, Tourism, Science & Technology, and Health and other relevant government agencies
- ASEM Embassies and Consulates-General in ASEM countries
- Academics, think tanks, research institutes specialised in connectivity, globalisation, international co-operation

RESEARCH AREA

The chapter on “Education & Connectivity” seeks to analyse trends and challenges concerning Asia-Europe connectivity in a particular area of education. The scrutinised areas within this chapter might focus on student mobility, e-learning, open learning/education, etc. The choice of the analysed area is based on the candidate’s expertise and interest. Note that no primary (field) research is required. Instead, contributors are required to write a narrative analysis by referring to existing datasets.

The contributor is expected to write 5 – 10 pages in MS Word, or 2,000 – 5,000 words of manuscript in English, including references and statistics/graphic input where appropriate.

PROFILE OF EXPERT / RESEARCHER

- Solid record of analytical writing (record of published papers/book chapters highly desired)
- Excellent knowledge of education policies and trends within ASEM countries
- Research focus on Asia-Europe inter-regional relations
- Excellent skills in synthesising both qualitative and quantitative research
- Attention to detail and meticulousness in writing

HOW TO APPLY

- Submit an abstract (maximum 500 words) of your proposed paper for the Education & Connectivity chapter by **21 June 2015** to marcel.bandur@asef.org
- A preparatory meeting with all contributors will be organised in mid-September in Singapore. Accommodation and airfare will be covered.
- Honorarium will be provided

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Together with about 700 partner organisations ASEF has run more than 650 projects, mainly conferences, seminars and workshops. Over 17,000 Asians and Europeans have actively participated in its activities and it has reached much wider audiences through its networks, web-portals, publications, exhibitions and lectures.

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ASEM brings together 53 members: Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cambodia, China, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, the Lao PDR, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mongolia, Myanmar, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, the Russian Federation, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, the United Kingdom, and Viet Nam plus the ASEAN Secretariat and the European Union.

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