

**ASIA-EUROPE TRAINING FOR TRAINERS**  
**Intercultural Learning, Methods and Techniques in Asia-Europe Youth Projects**  
**Predeal, Romania**  
**2 - 9 July 2008**

**FACT SHEET**

**BACKGROUND**

The Asia-Europe Foundation aims to build on the training expertise of long-standing Asian and European youth organisations in order to allow for a beneficial exchange of practice and peer-to-peer training. The Asia-Europe series of trainings aim at the creation of an Asia-Europe platform for the joint development of the Asia-Europe co-operation in the field of youth trainings related to non-formal education, as well as to contribute to the efforts to establish an Asia Europe Pool of trainers. The establishment of a stable co-operation in the field of trainings and capacity-building for youth organisations forms a part of ASEF's efforts to foster intercultural dialogue.

This project reflects the intention of youth organisations to create spaces for exchanges of practice as well as building training expertise for both the Asian and the European side. Methodologies, methods and techniques are the core elements of a training course and they need to be adapted according to the environment and the context in which they are used. Producing this adaptation, this change, for the Asia-Europe context is very important because it enables young people from both regions to work together starting from a common point, though creating a safe and friendly learning environment.

**INTRODUCTION**

The Asia-Europe Training for Trainers is co-organised by the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) and the Romania Youth Council (CTR), in close partnership with the Romanian National Agency for Supporting Youth Initiatives (ANSIT) and will take place in Predeal, Romania, from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> of July 2008. It is designed to empower youth trainers with knowledge, skills and attitudes that would enable them to develop and implement international training projects involving young people from Asia and Europe.

The training will have 2 stages. The first stage will be focusing on intercultural learning and cultural diversity, while the second stage will be a practical one, focusing on activities developed by participants. This way, participants will be invited to challenge themselves by using in practice, what they have learnt.

**WHAT IS ASEM?**

The Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) was initiated in 1996 when the ASEM leaders met in Bangkok, Thailand. ASEM is an informal trans-regional platform for dialogue and co-operation between the two regions and has arisen out of a mutual recognition that the relationship between Asia and Europe needed to be strengthened in light of the challenges and opportunities of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The objective of ASEM is to forge a stronger partnership between Asia and Europe that is based on equality, mutual respect, and mutual benefit. The three pillars of the ASEM dialogue process – which extends beyond the political and official levels and encompasses the business and people sectors of the two regions – are political dialogue on regional and global issues, enhanced economic cooperation, and cooperation in the social, cultural, and educational fields.

**WHO ARE THE ASEM PARTNERS?**

The members of the ASEM Process are the following: Austria, Belgium, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cambodia, China, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Indonesia, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Laos, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mongolia, Myanmar, Netherlands, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, United Kingdom, Vietnam, the European Commission and the ASEAN Secretariat.

### **TRAINING OBJECTIVES**

The objectives that have been set-up are the following:

- To explore and understand the concept of a training course in the two regions;
- To acquire cultural diversity and intercultural learning related knowledge, skills and attitudes;
- To learn at least 15 new training methods and techniques they can use in their activities;
- To develop 10 methods/techniques and materials for Asia-Europe training courses;
- To create a calendar for training projects and fill it up with concrete ideas and proposals;
- To establish a concrete action plan for the development of an Asia-Europe training manual.

### **EXPECTED OUTPUT**

The training is expected to create concrete results such as:

- awareness among participants regarding the role played by youth training in society;
- 30 trainers with updated knowledge, skills and attitudes about cultural diversity and intercultural learning;
- 30 trainers that know at least 15 new methods and techniques that they can apply in the activities that they are developing in their home communities;
- 10 new methods/techniques and materials that can be used in future Asia-Europe training courses;
- A concrete plan of action for Asia-Europe future trainings;
- The basic materials and ideas for the creation of an Asia-Europe training manual.

The training will also have an impact on local level since it will involve partners from the local community. It will offer the local community the possibility to interact with an international group of young people, fostering the intercultural exchanges. The trainers will also become more motivated and confident to initiate and implement other Asia-Europe youth projects.

### **VENUE/DATES**

The Asia-Europe Training for Trainers on “Intercultural Learning, Methods and Techniques in Asia-Europe Youth Projects” will be held from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> of July 2008 in Predeal, Romania.

Exact information on the venue of the training will be provided in due course.

### **PROGRAMME**

Participants are expected to arrive at the venue of the training on Wednesday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July 2008 and depart on Wednesday, the 9<sup>th</sup> of July 2008.

The programme involves a combination of plenary and working group sessions using a variety of participative methods including practical activities outdoors and workshops held by participants themselves. A social/cultural programme is organised to enable the participants to learn more about the culture and history of Romania.

### **WORKING LANGUAGE**

The official language of communication shall be English.

### **PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS**

The project will involve 30 participants, motivated youth trainers, active in the area of youth, training, capacity building and non-formal education (aged between 18-30), nominated by national and international organisations from the ASEM countries, who would:

- Have participated as trainers in at least 2 international youth training courses;
- Be key multipliers playing an active role within a youth organisation, network or service at national or regional level, and plan to continue their work in the near future;
- Be responsible for implementing youth projects (trainings) and willing to be committed to youth co-operation between Asia and Europe



- Be willing to set up an action plan to develop projects that can take place in the Asia-Europe frame;
- Be able to work in English;
- Be willing to attend 100% of the training.

Participants will be selected on a gender equality basis and geographical balance.

#### **FEES AND OTHER EXPENSES**

There is no participation fee for the programme. The organisers of the training course will be responsible for covering all local costs, including accommodation, meals and local transportation. They will also be in charge of covering 50% of the international transport costs (up to 150 EUR for European participants and up to 400 EUR for Asian participants).

#### **APPLICATION**

Interested parties should send the completed Participant Application Form attached, along with their updated detailed curriculum vitae or resume and a recent photo (jpg or bmp format) to the designated co-ordinators no later than **Wednesday, the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2008**. Applicants are kindly asked **NOT** to make any travel arrangements until they receive an official confirmation from the organisers.

Information on the training, including the application form, is also available on the ASEF website at <http://www.asef.org>. Regular updates shall also be posted online. Applications and general inquiries should be sent to the following contact:

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