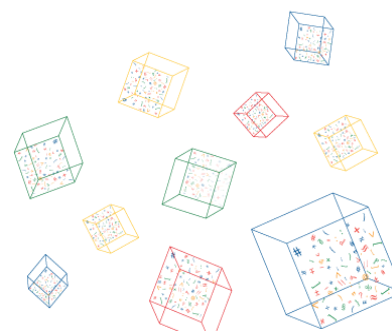


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12th ASEF Classroom Network Conference

16-20 November 2015 • Sofia, Bulgaria

#ASEFClassNet 



PROJECT OVERVIEW

<BACKGROUND>

Launched in 1998, the [ASEF Classroom Network \(ASEF ClassNet\)](#) fosters collaborations among secondary and high school teachers and students in Asia and Europe. Harnessing the potential and opportunities of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) for education, the ASEF ClassNet comprises of 3 activities:

- **ASEF ClassNet Website** to connect schools and teachers through one online platform
- **ASEF ClassNet Online Collaborations** jointly developed and run by Asian and European schools to facilitate and promote inter-cultural exchanges between teachers and students
- **ASEF ClassNet Conferences** for teachers to network and to train their professional skills

To-date, more than 1,300 teacher members from 44 ASEM countries have been participating in either of the above activities and have become members of ASEF ClassNet. In addition, more than 19,000 students have been engaged in 298 Online Collaborations between Asian and European schools since 2001.

Coding has become part of the current generation's literacy. With technology shaping our world, learning coding empowers people to participate in and contribute to today's developments. In many Asian and European countries, the subject of Coding has therefore been more and more integrated into the curriculum: The question of "How to work with a computer" has been expanded to "How does a computer work and how can you make the computer work for you".

The 12th ASEF Classroom Network Conference will take place from 16-20 November 2015 in Sofia, Bulgaria. Tackling "*Coding for Education*", the Conference will promote the topic of coding and usage of technology and online-based tools in secondary and high-school education through the sharing of good practices, case studies and the training and guidance by technology & education experts. Attracting about 100 teachers from up to 51 [ASEM member countries](#), the conference is also a platform for teachers to initiate collaborations and jointly develop online projects across both regions.

The [Asia-Europe Foundation \(ASEF\)](#) organises the 12th ASEF Classroom Network Conference in cooperation with 32 Secondary Language School "St. Kliment Ohridski". The Conference is supported by the Sofia Municipality, the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria.

<PROGRAMME>

The 4.5 day programme consists of 4 building blocks:

1. Enrichment

Expert talks and panel discussions on coding, technology and its possible application in the classroom

Get inspired by best practices and learn about the many facets of technology and coding in education!

2. Development & Training

Practical workshops and trainings on computer literacy, digital literacy and coding

Get feedback from experts on how to integrate ICT and programming in your educational setting!

3. Showroom & Awards

Presentations of 6 outstanding ASEF ClassNet Online Collaborations to compete for the 2015 ASEF ClassNet Awards

Vote for the most outstanding ASEM Online Collaborations in 2015!

4. Networking & New Collaborations

Working groups to develop ASEF ClassNet Online Collaborations 2016

Meet your Asian and European counterparts, jointly brainstorm and create an ASEF ClassNet Online Collaboration for 2016!

<PARTICIPANTS>

12th ASEF ClassNet Conference (100):

- Teachers and educators from secondary and high schools
- Experts in the field of ICT
- Student representatives selected for the ASEF ClassNet Awards
- Representatives from the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Bulgaria and Ministries of Education of other ASEM countries, the Bulgarian National Education Agency and the National Commission of UNESCO etc.

ASEF ClassNet Online Collaborations (3,300):

- Students from secondary/high schools
- Teachers and educators from secondary/high schools

<RESULTS OF THE CONFERENCE>

Tangible

- ASEF ClassNet website and e-Newsletters
- e-Resource publication for ASEM schools, teachers and students on coding for education
- e-Manual on how to engage in ASEF ClassNet Online Collaborations with Asian and European schools
- Proposals for ASEF ClassNet Online Collaborations for 2016 (implemented between January and September 2016)

Intangible

- Increased awareness and knowledge among participations on how to use coding and ICT tools in school education
- New connections for collaboration gained among participants
- Greater appreciation and respect towards different cultures among teachers and students involved in the ASEF ClassNet projects



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Together with about 750 partner organisations ASEF has run more than 700 projects, mainly conferences, seminars and workshops. Over 20,000 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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