ASEF CREATIVE NETWORKS

3RD EDITION

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

ASEF Creative Networks encourages the establishment and/or strengthening of bi-regional cultural networks connecting Asia and Europe. Existing and emerging cultural networks are invited to apply.

The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) is launching its 3rd call for proposals and welcomes the submission of projects that will take place between 1 April and 30 November 2016. The submission deadline is **Saturday 15 August 2015**.

We, at ASEF, acknowledge the growing importance of cultural networks as an increasingly significant channel of dialogue and co-operation between Asia and Europe in the field of arts and culture. Through this initiative, we seek to collaborate with cultural networks, enhance the mobility of cultural professionals and promote sustainable long-term connections between the two regions.

We encourage networks and cultural organisations to submit multilateral proposals that engage several partners and participants from the 51 member countries of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM)[1].

The proposals must meet the following criteria:

Eligibility:

- Applicants and project participants must be from ASEM member countries.
- Projects should be jointly proposed by a minimum of 2 partner organisations/networks (not individuals) from ASEM countries, with at least 1 partner each from Asia and Europe. We welcome multiple project partners.
- Projects should take place between 1 April and 30 November 2016.
- Proposals should include result-oriented projects (e.g. establishment of new networks, joint activity by network members, research studies/toolkits/guides on topics of interest for cultural networks) that facilitate dialogue, collaboration and knowledge exchange between artists & cultural professionals from Asia and Europe.
- Projects should only take place in ASEM countries.
- Online projects have to be managed from ASEM countries.

Other selection criteria include:

[1] The **Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM)** is an intergovernmental forum for dialogue and cooperation established in 1996 to deepen relations between Asia and Europe, which addresses political, economic and socio-cultural issues of common concern. The 53 ASEM Members are 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, Viet Nam, the European Union and the ASEAN Secretariat. For more information, please visit http://www.aseminfoboard.org/members

- Projects that offer networking opportunities and/or collaborative activities between networks in Asia and Europe
- Projects that facilitate the expansion of networks in Asia or Europe into the other region
- Projects that facilitate knowledge exchange and professional capacity-building for members of networks
- Projects that reflect the cultural diversity of Asia and Europe
- Projects that generate tangible outputs and activities (e.g. establishment of new networks, research studies, publications, training programmes, exhibitions etc.).

We will only partially fund the selected projects up to a maximum amount of Singapore Dollars (SGD) 25,000. Additional funding sources have to be identified by the applicants and mentioned in the submitted proposal. Our contribution cannot exceed 50% of the total project budget. It will also not include seed funding or cover operational costs.

Procedure for submission & selection:

- Please download the application form from ASEF's corporate website (www.asef.org).
- The initial project proposal should include information on the concept and objectives of the project as well as partners. The information should be submitted in English in the provided application form.
- Project proposals must be emailed to ASEF at creative.networks@asef.org latest by **Saturday 15 August 2015** at 6:00 pm (1800 hours) Singapore time.
- Please include the **Name of the Project** where required in the application form. The project name should not exceed 30 characters. For example: *Dance Connections*. Project proposals that exceed the word limit will not be considered.
- Shortlisted projects will be announced on the ASEF website on 1 October 2015. Only successful applicants will be informed by email.
- Subsequently, shortlisted applicants will be asked to submit a detailed proposal that includes the project's budget and communication plan.
- Deadline for the submission of the detailed proposal is Sunday 1 November 2015 at 6:00 pm (1800 hours) Singapore time.
- Successful projects will be announced on ASEF's corporate website (www.asef.org) on 15 January 2016. Only successful applicants will be informed by email.

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About ASEF

The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) promotes understanding, strengthens relationships and facilitates cooperation among the people, institutions and organisations of Asia and Europe. ASEF enhances dialogue, enables exchanges and encourages collaboration across the thematic areas of culture, economy, education, governance, public health and sustainable development.

ASEF is a not-for-profit intergovernmental organisation located in Singapore. Founded in 1997, it is the only institution of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM).

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.

For more information, please visit www.asef.org