



# ASEM<sup>1</sup> youth convey joint message on entrepreneurship and youth employment to the ASEM Foreign Ministers

The ASEF Young Leaders Summit (ASEFYLS) connects senior and young leaders from 51 Asian and European countries

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The ASEF Young Leaders Summit (ASEFYLS), held on 1-5 November 2015 in Luxembourg, connected young and senior leaders from 51 Asian and European countries to convey the *Asia-Europe Young Leaders Call for Action on Entrepreneurship and Youth Employment*. 4 participants – nationals from Bulgaria, Luxembourg, Mongolia and Singapore – partook in a 5-minute intervention at the 12<sup>th</sup> ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting (ASEM FMM12). The jointly drafted Call for Action focuses on 3 C's, connectivity, culture and capabilities, and urges the ASEM Governments to strengthen entrepreneurship, entrepreneurial spirit and skills to promote youth employment in Asia and Europe.

The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) and the European Investment Bank (EIB) also co-hosted a reception for the participants of ASEFYLS and the ASEM delegations, in conjunction with the ASEM FMM12. Amongst others, H E Federica MOGHERINI, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission, H E Lubomír ZAORÁLEK, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, H E Dr George VELLA, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malta, H E Lundeg PUREVSUREN, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia and H E Don PRAMUDWINAI, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, met with the participants for direct interactions and close exchange of leadership experiences.

*"This is a defining moment for who we are, and for our place in the world. A world which is more than ever interconnected, complex and unpredictable. Such a world needs leaders. Leaders, not strongmen. Leaders who are capable to listen and to build partnerships. I am sure that many of you have the talent and the vision to be that kind of leader,"* stated H E MOGHERINI during her speech at the Summit.

ASEFYLS – hosted by the University of Luxembourg and then the European Investment Bank – invited over 100 young professionals and students from a pool of 5,988 applicants. The Summit invited renowned leaders from business and public sector, including Mr Kazuo TSUKUDA, Senior Executive Advisor, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd., and Mr Peter VESTERBACKA, Mighty-Eagle, Rovio Entertainment, and Founder of the Angry Birds franchise. The participants also visited the ArcelorMittal's steel production site Differdange.

For more information please visit <http://bit.ly/1VvwxK1>

<sup>1</sup> 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. ASEM brings together 53 members (21 Asian and 30 European countries, the ASEAN Secretariat, and the European Union).

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## About the Organiser and Hosts

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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 an intergovernmental not-for-profit 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.

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<http://www.eib.org/>



The **University of Luxembourg** is a multilingual European research university. It is a modern institution with a personal atmosphere, close to European institutions, innovative companies and the financial place. It was founded in 2003 as the first and only public university of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg. With nearly 6,300 students and about 1500 employees from all over the globe, the University offers a unique mix of international excellence and national relevance, delivering knowledge for society and businesses. The mandatory semester abroad for Bachelor's students reflects the importance attached to mobility. Exchange agreements and research cooperations exist with 78 universities around the world. Our priorities for research are computational sciences, systems biomedicine, law and European law, finance and educational sciences. The research teams and about 570 PhD students work in three faculties and two interdisciplinary centres.

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