FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

<APPLICATION CRITERIA>

1. How do I apply?
Please submit your application online by using the relevant form.

2. When is the application deadline?
Please ensure that your online application reaches us by Tuesday, 15 September 2015.

3. Will I be notified about my application status and when do I receive a possible confirmation of participation?
Upon submission, you will receive a confirmation via email. All applicants will receive an email on the status of your application in early October 2015.

4. Who can apply?
- A citizen of any of the 51 ASEM countries
- School based in any of the 51 ASEM countries
- A secondary/high school teacher or educator
- Proficient English skills (verbal and written)
- Basic knowledge of ICT and/or coding and a keen interest in expanding it
- Curious about the integration of ICT and coding in your school
- Interested in sharing, exchanging information and best practices on coding for education
- Ready to cooperate with schools in Asia and Europe in an online collaboration and/or to propose new collaboration ideas!

5. Which are the 51 Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) countries?
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 Laos PDR, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mongolia, Myanmar, 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.

Please find further information at www.aseminfoboard.org.

6. Are there any age restrictions to join the ASEF ClassNet Conference?
There are no age restrictions. However, necessary documents have to be provided upon request to demonstrate that you are a secondary or high school teacher in a school of any of the 51 Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) countries.
7. Do I need to have prior coding knowledge to participate?
It is not a requirement. However, a basic understanding and/or knowledge on coding is of course beneficial to contribute with your own perspectives and experiences to the group discussions.

<PROGRAMME DETAILS>

1. Is there a preparation phase prior to the Conference?
The organisers will compile and share reference materials and links to useful online resources on the topic with all participants. We warmly encourage you to familiarise yourself and get first insights!

For participants whose ASEF ClassNet Online Collaborations are shortlisted to contend for the ASEF ClassNet Awards, please kindly ensure that your Online Collaborations presentation slides are ready for submission to ASEF.

2. What does the Programme offer?
Please refer to the Programme Outline. A comprehensive Programme will be available by mid-August 2015.

3. Where is the Conference venue?
The Conference takes place at the Vitosha Park Hotel.

Vitosha Park Hotel  
1 Rosario Str.  
Sofia 1700  
Bulgaria  
T: +359-2-816 8888 / 816 8802

4. When do I have to arrive in Sofia, Bulgaria?
All participants are required to ensure that their flight reaches Sofia Airport on Monday, 16 November 2015 before 15:00 hours to be able to participate in the Opening Ceremony at 18:45 hours.

5. How can contribute to the Conference?
For teachers who are keen on proposing a new ASEF ClassNet Online Collaboration for 2016, please submit your project proposal to ASEF no later than Thursday, 15 October 2015.

For teachers who are interested in joining a proposed ASEF ClassNet Online Collaboration in 2016, please let us know your choice of Online Collaboration (aka Working Groups) no later Friday, 30 October 2015.

<TRAVEL EXPENSES>

1. Is there a participation fee to the conference?
There is no participation fee.

2. Are accommodation, meals and local transportation provided during my stay in Bulgaria?
The organisers will cover costs for accommodation, meals and local transportation for the duration of the programme. Any other expenses of a personal nature (telephone, laundry, medical etc.) has to be borne by the participant.
Hotel accommodation (4 nights/single room) will be covered by the organisers:

Hotel: Vitosha Park Hotel  
No. of nights: 4 nights  
Arrival (Check-in): 16 November 2015  
Departure (Check-out): 20 November 2015

If you wish to extend your stay in Sofia, the additional costs need to be borne by you.

3. What about special dietary requirements?  
Please indicate your special dietary requirements on the application form for the relevant and possible arrangements.

4. Do I have to pay for my own airfare?  
Participants are responsible for their airfare fees. In case of financial needs, the Organisers offer travel subsidies subject to review and approval on a case-by-case basis. This travel subsidy will be disbursed after the Conference and only upon submission of all the required documents.

<VISA AND INSURANCE>

1. Do I need to obtain a visa for Bulgaria and what is the application process?  
Please refer to the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria to find out about your possible visa requirement and procedures. The Organisers will issue an official invitation letter to facilitate visa applications, where needed.

2. Do the Organisers cover the cost of travel insurance?  
Participants have to cover the cost of their own travel insurance.

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