

ASIA-EUROPE TRAINING ON SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY DIPLOMACY

23 October - 4 December 2025 Online

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PROGRAMME

BACKGROUND

There is a growing global momentum to discuss Science and Technology Diplomacy, as seen by the recently published recommendations for a **European Framework for Science Diplomacy** and the **ASEAN Plan of Action on Science, Technology and Innovation (APASTI) 2026-2035**. Countries are increasingly appointing science diplomats and integrating scientific expertise into policy, recognising the strategic value of international S&T cooperation.

For Asia and Europe **deepening dialogue and collaboration** on Science and Technology brings major benefits. These include enhanced **knowledge exchange** and greater economic competitiveness, as well as collaboration for public good and **joint action on global challenges**.

The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) launched the [Asia-Europe Science and Technology Diplomacy Initiative for Young Leaders](#) to **promote areas of potential interregional cooperation** among the ASEF member countries, the European Union and the ASEAN, with a **special focus on young and emerging leaders**, and to maximise the potential of Science, Technology, and Innovation to achieve sustainable development.

TRAINING OVERVIEW

The Asia-Europe Training on Science and Technology Diplomacy 2025 will run from 23 October to 4 December 2025. This 7-week online training offers an interactive and hands-on learning experience for around 100 participants working at the crossroads of science, technology, and international relations.

Through expert-led webinars and collaborative workshops, participants will:

- **Exchange insights and learn** about the science and technology diplomacy ecosystems in Asia and Europe;
- **Build practical skills in intercultural** communication and science and technology diplomacy, and
- **Develop lasting peer networks** to foster ongoing dialogue and collaboration.

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PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
	Tue, 28 Oct <i>Webinar</i>	Tue, 4 Nov <i>Webinar</i>	Tue, 11 Nov <i>Workshop*</i>	Tue, 18 Nov <i>Webinar</i>	Tue, 25 Nov <i>Webinar</i>	Tue, 2 Dec <i>Webinar</i>
Thur, 23 Oct <i>Introduction*</i>	Thur, 30 Oct <i>Workshop</i>	Thur, 6 Nov <i>Workshop</i>	Thur, 13 Nov <i>Workshop*</i>	Thur, 20 Nov <i>Workshop</i>	Thur, 27 Nov <i>Workshop</i>	Thur, 4 Dec <i>Workshop</i>

Each week from **Week 2 to Week 7** includes **one webinar** and **one interactive workshop**, allowing participants to explore key themes from both theoretical and practical perspectives. (Exception: during **Week 4**, participants will join one of two workshop sessions, held on Tuesday or Thursday, to allow for smaller group engagement.)

Throughout the programme, participants are encouraged to actively use the **eLearning Platform** – to contribute to discussions, exchange ideas with peers, and reflect on how their own experiences relate to the topics explored each week. The platform also serves as a space for accessing supplementary resources, sharing key takeaways, and tracking personal growth across the learning journey.

By combining live sessions, collaborative group work, and self-paced reflection, the training fosters both knowledge development and intercultural exchange, preparing participants to apply science and technology diplomacy principles in their professional contexts.

DETAILED PROGRAMME

Week 1. Introduction

Workshop | Welcome and Setting the Scene

Thursday, 23 October 2025

16:00-18:00 SGT / 10:00-12:00 CEST

The first webinar is dedicated to introducing the Training programme, the objectives, the partners, listen to an inspirational keynote, and provide an interactive space for the participants to get-to-know each other better.

16:00 – 16:15 Welcome Remarks

- **Ambassador Beata STOCZYŃSKA**, Executive Director of ASEF
- **Ms Lone THORUP**, ASEF Governor for Denmark, Chief Advisor at the Department for Asia, Latin America and Oceania at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Denmark

- **Ms Lili ÉRMEZEI**, Representative, Central European Scientific Society of Innovation and Technology (CESSIT)
- **Ms Nur Tri ARIES S**, Executive Secretary, National Innovation Agency of Indonesia (BRIN)

16.15 – 16.40 Introduction to Programme, Partners and Objectives and Q&A

- **Ms Réka TÓZSA**, Director of Education, ASEF
- **Ms Freya CHOW-PAUL**, Youth Project Lead, ASEF
- **Ms Linnéa REGNELL**, Youth Project Executive, ASEF

16.40 – 17:00 Get-To-Know Each Other

17:00 – 17:30 Inspirational Keynote and Q&A

- **Dr Ronit PRAWER**, Director - Asia Pacific - International Science Council, Australian Academy of Sciences

17:30 – 17:50 Get-To-Know Each Other

17:50 – 18:00 Closing and Next Steps

Week 2. Science Impacting Diplomacy

Webinar | Science Impacting Diplomacy

Tuesday, 28 October 2025

16:00 – 17:30 SGT / 09:00 – 10:30 CET

By the end of this session, participants will understand the theoretical concept of *Science Impacting Diplomacy*, both using science cooperation to improve relations between countries and informing foreign and security policy objectives with scientific advice; and have familiarised themselves with some notable examples on how this is practiced in Asia and Europe.

16:00 – 16:10 Introductions

16:10 – 16:30 Keynote Presentation

- **Professor Pierre-Bruno RUFFINI**, Professor of Economics at the University of Le Havre, France

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- **Prof Anantha DURAIAPPAH**, Adjunct Professor at UCSI University; Inaugural Director, UNESCO Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development
- **Dr Fang XU**, Professor, Institutes of Science and Development, Chinese Academy of Sciences(CASISD); Deputy director of Research Evaluation Center, Chinese Academy of Sciences (CASERC)
- **Dr Monika SZKARŁAT**, Head of a Research Team at the Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Computer Modelling, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University

Workshop | Science Impacting Diplomacy

Thursday, 30 October 2025

16:00 – 17:30 SGT / 09:00 – 11:00 CET

Through this session, participants will dive deeper into exploring how science shapes diplomacy in real-world contexts through interactive case studies and practical exercises. Participants will reflect on the ways they already contribute to *Science Impacting Diplomacy* on a daily basis. Together, participants will discover strategies to collaborate effectively across sectors to create stronger, more impactful partnerships.

Facilitator:

- **Mr João MOURATO PINTO**, Assistant Professor of Diplomacy at the University of Minho, Portugal

Week 3. Diplomacy Impacting Science

Webinar | Diplomacy Impacting Science

Tuesday, 4 November 2025

16:00 – 17:30 SGT / 09:00 – 10:30 CET

By the end of this session, participants will understand the concept of *Diplomacy Impacting Science*: how diplomatic frameworks, negotiations, and policy environments can enable, limit, and in other ways affect science, research, and innovation institutions and ecosystems. Participants will hear about notable examples on how this is practiced in Asia and Europe.

16:00 – 16:10 Introductions

16:10 – 16:30 Keynote Presentation

- **Prof Zakri A HAMID**, Founding Director, International Institute for Science Diplomacy and Sustainability, USCI University, Malaysia

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- **Professor Rasmus Gjedssø Bertelsen**, Professor of Northern Studies and the inaugural Barents Chair in Politics at The Arctic University of Norway (UiT)
- **Mr Gábor Takács-Carvalho**, Science & Technology Diplomat at the Embassy of Hungary in London

Workshop | Diplomacy Impacting Science

Thursday, 6 November 2025

16:00 – 17:30 SGT / 09:00 – 11:00 CET

In this session, participants will explore how diplomacy shapes scientific priorities, partnerships, and progress through real-life examples and interactive group work. Participants will gain insights into how international relations influences and impacts the direction of science and technology. Participants will also identify the ways their own work engages in *Diplomacy Impacting Science* through case studies and exercises, and discuss how collaboration across government and academia can strengthen the role of global cooperation in science.

Facilitator:

- **Dr João MOURATO PINTO**, Assistant Professor of Diplomacy at the University of Minho, Portugal

Week 4. Quantum Diplomacy Simulation Game

This week, participants will take part in the *Quantum Diplomacy Game* designed by the Geneva Science Diplomacy Anticipator (GESDA). This interactive simulation uses quantum-inspired scenarios to help participants explore complex global challenges, negotiation dynamics, and decision-making under uncertainty. Participants will gain practical experience in diplomacy, negotiation, strategic thinking, and teamwork.

Participants will be invited to attend the simulation on either Tuesday or Thursday.

Simulation Session A | Quantum Diplomacy in Action

Tuesday, 11 November 2025

16:00 – 18:00 SGT / 09:00 – 11:00 CET

Simulation Session B | Quantum Diplomacy in Action

Thursday, 13 November 2025

16:00 – 18:00 SGT / 09:00 – 11:00 CET

Week 5. Technology Diplomacy

Webinar | Tech Diplomacy: Emergence and Future Directions

Tuesday, 18 November 2025

16:00 – 17:30 SGT / 09:00 – 10:30 CET

In this session, participants will explore the rise of *Tech Diplomacy* – a new practice at the intersection of technology and global affairs. Experts will trace its roots and examine how governments, tech companies, and NGOs now engage through it. The session also connects Science Diplomacy and Tech Diplomacy, offering fresh insights into how diplomacy is evolving in today's rapidly shifting geopolitical and digital landscape.

Workshop | Exploring Tech Diplomacy Further

Thursday, 20 November 2025

16:00 – 17:30 SGT / 09:00 – 11:00 CET

In this interactive session, through lively discussions participants will unpack key questions around what defines tech diplomacy and whether it truly represents a new diplomatic paradigm. Group exercises will then challenge you to identify its future opportunities and challenges from different stakeholder perspectives.

Facilitator:

- **Dr Katharina HÖNE**, Scientific Advisor, German Aerospace Center (DLR) – Project Management Agency

Week 6. Personal and Cultural Awareness in Science Diplomacy

Webinar | Values, Biases, and Worldviews: Building Intercultural Awareness for Science Diplomacy

Tuesday, 25 November 2025

Time: 16:00 – 17:30 SGT / 09:00 – 10:30 CET

By the end of this session, participants will deepen their understanding of how individual values, life experiences, and unconscious biases shape perceptions and interactions within the field of science diplomacy. Experts will encourage participants to notice how worldviews influence collaboration, equipping them to engage more thoughtfully and responsively in diverse intercultural contexts.

16:00 – 16:10 Introductions

16:10 – 16:30 Keynote Presentation

- **Dr Leah BUENDIA**, Undersecretary for Research and Development, Department of Science and Technology, Philippines

16:30 – 17:30 Panel discussion and Q&A

Workshop | Values, Biases, and Worldviews: Building Intercultural Awareness for Science Diplomacy

Thursday, 27 November 2025

16:00 – 17:30 SGT / 09:00 – 11:00 CET

Through this hands-on workshop, participants will work through reflective and group activities to identify their own perspectives and learn practical strategies for recognising and navigating differences in viewpoints. Participants will enhance their self-awareness, practice adapting their communication styles, and understand why customising approaches is vital for effective collaboration among people with varied identities and backgrounds in the science diplomacy space.

Facilitators:

- **Ms Freya CHOW-PAUL**, Youth Project Lead, ASEF
- **Ms Linnéa REGNELL**, Youth Project Executive, ASEF

Week 7. Professional Perspectives: How We Think, Work, and Interact

Webinar | Mindsets and Methodologies: Navigating Professional Diversity

Tuesday, 2 December 2025

16:00 – 17:30 SGT / 09:00 – 10:30 CET

Science diplomacy brings together professionals from diverse fields—diplomacy, science, academia, government, and beyond—each with their own ways of thinking, working, and approaching problems. This session explores how professional cultures, attitudes, and methodologies shape collaboration and communication in international scientific and diplomatic contexts. Participants will leave with a deeper understanding of how to navigate and bridge professional differences to foster more effective partnerships in science diplomacy.

Workshop | Learning from Practitioners: Inside a Science Diplomat's Mindset

Thursday, 4 December 2025

16:00 – 17:30 SGT / 09:00 – 11:00 CET

Through this practical workshop, participants will take a deeper dive into the concept of professional “lenses” through peer exercises and real-life examples. Participants will identify their own professional biases, gain fresh perspectives from colleagues across sectors, and learn practical strategies for adapting your approach. The session is designed to increase participants' self-awareness and help them collaborate more effectively in complex, cross-disciplinary science diplomacy settings.

This session will also include the official closing of the training.

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