

ASIA-EUROPE YOUTH SUMMIT ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DIPLOMACY 2025

14-18 December 2025, Copenhagen, Denmark
Organised alongside the 2nd European Science Diplomacy Conference

PROGRAMME

14 – 18 December 2025 | Copenhagen, Denmark

DAY 0 – SUNDAY, 14 DECEMBER 2025 ARRIVAL DAY

Throughout the day	<p>Arrival of participants to Copenhagen Self-transfer to accommodation</p> <p>Check-in to the accommodation <i>Wake-up Copenhagen, Borgergade 9, 1300 København K, Denmark</i></p>
16:00 - 18:00	<p>Registration</p> <p><i>Wake-up Copenhagen, Borgergade 9, 1300 København K, Denmark</i></p>
19:00 - 21:00	<p>Welcome Dinner & Briefing <i>hosted at an Embassy (tbc)</i></p> <p>Welcome remarks by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Embassy Representative (tbc) Ambassador Beata STOCZYŃSKA, Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) Mr Nicolai MEYER LEHMANN LUNDSBJERG, Head of Section, Department for Asia, Oceania, Latin America and the Caribbean, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Denmark <p>Briefing by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Freya CHOW-PAUL, Youth Project Lead, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

- **Ms Linnéa REGNELL**, Project Executive, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

DAY 1 – MONDAY, 15 DECEMBER 2025

Venue: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark

7:00 – 8:00	Breakfast
8:30	Departure to Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark <i>Asiatisk Pl. 2, 1448 København, Denmark</i>
9:00 – 9:45	Opening Remarks Welcome by Hosts and Organisers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambassador Beata STOCZYŃSKA, Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) • Dr Gábor PÖRZSE, President, Central European Scientific Society of Innovation and Technology (CESSIT) • HE Ms Anne Marie ENGTOFT MELDGAARD, Tech Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark
9:45 – 10:30	Welcome Remarks & Inspirational Keynote The Danish Approach to Science & Technology Diplomacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HE Ms Anne Marie ENGTOFT MELDGAARD, Tech Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark
10:30 – 11:00	Family Photo & Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:00	Workshop 1 Get-to-know Each Other <p>Participants are brought together in a fun, welcoming environment where they can break the ice, share stories, and start building meaningful connections. Through engaging activities and guided conversations, participants will have the opportunity to discover common interests, exchange ideas, and create a supportive peer network that can inspire collaboration beyond the session.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Freya CHOW-PAUL, Youth Project Lead, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) • Ms Linnéa REGNELL, Project Executive, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch Break
13:30 – 15:00	Workshop 2 Intercultural Teambuilding <p>During this interactive session, participants will engage in UNESCO Story Circles: a globally recognised intercultural methodology. Used across communities worldwide, Story Circles help participants practice deep listening, communication, and empathetic dialogue essential for effective science and technology diplomacy. Through guided conversations, participants will strengthen their capacity to</p>

	<p>communicate across cultures, foster mutual understanding, and build collaborative relationships. These exercises will strengthen mutual understanding and lay the foundation for effective teamwork in drafting the Asia-Europe Youth Communique on Science and Technology Diplomacy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Freya CHOW-PAUL, Youth Project Lead, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) • Ms Linnéa REGNELL, Project Executive, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)
15:00–15:30	Coffee Break
15:30–18:00	<p>Workshop 3 Setting the Ground Rules for Drafting</p> <p>During this interactive session with guided reflection and dialogue, participants will discuss how to work together and set the ground rules for the drafting process. Through guided reflection and dialogue, they will explore their shared values as well as their diverse perspectives shaped by different cultural and academic backgrounds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr João MOURATO PINTO, Assistant Professor of Diplomacy at the University of Minho, Portugal
18:00 - 18:30	<p>Departure to Tivoli Gardens <i>Vesterbrogade 3, 1630 København V, Denmark</i></p>
18:30–19:30	Cultural Tour at Tivoli Gardens
19:30–21:00	<p>Dinner <i>hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark</i></p>
21:15 -	Departure to Hotel

DAY 2 – TUESDAY, 16 DECEMBER 2025

Venue: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark

07:00–08:00	Breakfast
08:30	<p>Departure to Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark <i>Asiatisk Pl. 2, 1448 København, Denmark</i></p>
09:00–10:30	<p>World Café Dialogue with Experts Science Diplomacy in Practice: When Theory Meets Reality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Béla KARDON, Chief Scientific Officer, Regional Centre for Information and Scientific Development (RCISD), Vice President, Central European Scientific Society of Innovation and Technology (CESSIT) • Dr Gábor SZÜDI, Senior Researcher, Project manager, Centre for Social Innovation (ZSI) • Dr Matthew ADAMSON, Associate Professor, McDaniel College Budapest • Dr Dijana ŠTRBAC, Research Associate, Institute of Economic Sciences (IEN) • Dr Tomaž GORENC, Director, Institute for Health and Environment (IZO)

	<p>Moderator: Mr Nándor PETROVICS, Senior Research Expert and Research Impact Manager, Corvinus University of Budapest</p> <p><i>Organised by the Central European Scientific Society of Innovation and Technology (CESSIT)</i></p>
10:30–11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 - 12:30	<p>Workshop 4 Drafting of the Youth Communiqué</p> <p>During this workshop, participants will collaborate to draft the Youth Communiqué to be presented at the 2nd European Science Diplomacy Conference. Guided by facilitators and drawing on insights from previous sessions, they will articulate the perspectives, priorities, and aspirations of young leaders in science and technology diplomacy. The process will involve structured discussions, consensus-building exercises, and collective editing to ensure diverse voices are represented. By the end, participants will produce a compelling, youth-driven statement proposing actionable ideas for advancing global cooperation through science and innovation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr João MOURATO PINTO, Assistant Professor of Diplomacy at the University of Minho, Portugal
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00–16:00	<p>Workshop 5 Drafting of the Youth Communiqué cont.</p>
16:00-16:30	Coffee Break
16:30–17:30	<p>Presentation to Experts & Feedback Session Science & Technology Diplomacy across Asia and Europe</p> <p>In this session, participants will present their ideas for the Asia-Europe Youth Communiqué on Science and Technology Diplomacy to a panel of experts. Through constructive dialogue and feedback, they will refine their proposals and consider diverse perspectives from policy, research, and diplomatic fields. This exchange aims to strengthen the quality, coherence, and global relevance of the youth communiqué before its finalisation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr William NORDMARK NIELSEN, Head of Section, Centre for Research, Innovation and International Collaboration, Ministry of Higher Education and Science, Denmark • Dr Anne LAUGESSEN, Science and Technology Officer, UK Science & Technology Network, British Embassy Copenhagen • Mr Imar Yacine KOUTCHOUKALI, Science Attache, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Estonia
17:30–18:15	Finalisation of the Youth Communiqué cont.
18:15 -	<p>Free Evening</p> <p><i>For selected participants, finalisation process of the Communiqué</i></p>

DAY 3 – WEDNESDAY, 17 DECEMBER 2025**Venue: Copenhagen Business School**

07:00–08:00	Breakfast
08:30	Departure to Venue
09:00–12:00	Side-Events of the 2nd European Science Diplomacy Conference Participants can register to attend one of the following side-events: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Science Diplomacy and Society: Intersections and Implications, The Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters• From Research to Relation: International Scientific Networks, the Quiet Diplomats, Copenhagen Business School• From Threat to Empowerment: How Science in Distress Can Drive Innovation and Strengthen Science Diplomacy, Copenhagen Business School
13:00–20:00	2nd European Science Diplomacy Conference: Day 1 Participants will attend Day 1 of the 2 nd European Science Diplomacy Conference
20:00 -	Free Evening

DAY 4 – THURSDAY, 18 DECEMBER 2025**Venue: Copenhagen Business School**

07:00–08:00	Breakfast
08:30	Departure to Copenhagen Business School <i>Sølbjerg Pl. 3, 2000 Frederiksberg, Denmark</i>
09:00–18:00	2nd European Science Diplomacy Conference: Day 2 Participants will attend Day 2 of the 2 nd European Science Diplomacy Conference. During the Closing Ceremony 17:00, selected participants will deliver the Youth Communique.
19:00–21:00	Closing & Farewell Dinner <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms Freya CHOW-PAUL, Youth Project Lead, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)• Ms Linnéa REGNELL, Project Executive, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) Dr Marga GUAL SOLER , Executive Director, Capacity and Leadership, Geneva Science and Diplomacy Anticipator (GESDA)

DAY 5 – FRIDAY, 19 DECEMBER 2025
DEPARTURE DAY

6:30 – 9:00	Breakfast
	Check-out of hotel
9:00 onwards	Departure of Participants

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