

## List of ASEM Initiatives

*✂ Initiatives with no available information are left blank.*

### I. Political Pillar

No	Name of Initiative	Proponent	Status	Remarks
1	ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting		1st: Singapore in February 1997 2nd: Berlin, Germany in March 1999 3rd: Beijing, China in May 2001 4th: Madrid, Spain in June 2002 5th: Bali, Indonesia in July 2003 6th: Kildare, Ireland in April 2004 7th: Kyoto, Japan in May 2005	
2	Asia-Europe Cooperation Framework (AECF)		AECF 2000 sets out the vision, principles, objectives, priorities and mechanisms for the ASEM process for the first decade of the new millennium.	Adopted at ASEM II and revised at ASEM III.
3	Asia-Europe Vision Group (AEVG)	Korea	AEVG Report presented to ASEM III.	Adopted at ASEM I.
4	Asia-Europe Forum of Governors of Cities (AEFGC)	Thailand		Adopted at ASEM II.
5	Seminar on Peace and Society Building	The Philippines		Adopted at ASEM II.
6	ASEM Roundtable on Globalization	Korea, Sweden	1st: Seoul, Korea in May 2001 2nd: Malmö, Sweden in March 2003 3rd: Hanoi, Vietnam in October 2004	Adopted at ASEM III.
7	Anti-corruption Initiative	China, United Kingdom		Adopted at ASEM III.
8	Symposium on Law Enforcement Organs' Cooperation in Combating Transnational Crimes	China, Italy	1st: Beijing, China in September 2001	Adopted at ASEM III.
9	ASEM Seminar on Anti-terrorism	China, Denmark, Germany, Japan, Spain	1st: Beijing, China in September 2003 2nd: Berlin, Germany in October 2004 3rd: Semarang, Indonesia in November 2005 4th: Copenhagen, Denmark in June 2006	Adopted at ASEM IV.
10	Asia-Europe Young Political Leaders Forum	China, Denmark	1st: Tianjin, China in November 2005	Adopted at ASEM V.

11	Initiative for Strengthening Cyber Security within the ASEM Region	China, Germany, Korea, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Singapore	1st: Seoul, Korea in June 2005	Adopted at ASEM V.
12	Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership (ASEP)		1st: Strasbourg, France in April 1996 2nd: Manila, Philippines in August 2002 3rd: Hue, Vietnam in March 2004 4th: Helsinki, Finland in May 2006	
13	ASEM Informal Seminar on Human Rights	France, Sweden	1st: Lund, Sweden in December 1997 2nd: Beijing, China in June 1999 3rd: Paris, France in June 2000 4th: Bali, Indonesia in July 2001 5th: Lund, Sweden in May 2003 6th: Suzhou, China in September 2004 7th: Budapest, Hungary in February 2006	
14	ASEM Prosecutors-General Conference	China Denmark Indonesia United Kingdom	1 <sup>st</sup> : Shenzhen, China in December 2005	Adopted at FMM VII

**Total number of Political Initiatives: 14**

## II. Economic Pillar

No	Name of Initiative	Proponent	Status	Remarks
1	ASEM Economic Ministers' Meeting		1st: Makuhari, Japan in September 1997 2nd: Berlin, Germany in October 1999 3rd: Hanoi, Vietnam in September 2001 4th: Copenhagen, Denmark in September 2002 5th: Dalian, China in July 2003 6th: Rotterdam, the Netherlands in September 2005	
2	ASEM Finance Ministers' Meeting	Thailand, United Kingdom	1st: Bangkok, Thailand in September 1997 2nd: Frankfurt, Germany in January 1999 3rd: Kobe, Japan in January 2001 4th: Copenhagen, Denmark in July 2002 5th: Bali, Indonesia in July 2003 6th: Tianjin, China in June 2005 7th: Vienna, Austria in April 2006	Adopted at ASEM I.
3	ASEM Environment Ministers' Meeting	China, Germany	1st: Beijing, China in January 2002 2nd: Lecce, Italy in October 2003	Adopted at ASEM III.
4	ASEM Science and Technology Ministers' Meeting	China	1st: Beijing, China in October 1999	Adopted at ASEM II.
5	Trade Facilitation Action Plan (TFAP)			Adopted at ASEM II.
6	Investment Promotion Action Plan (IPAP)		<i>[Refer to Attachment for details]</i>	Adopted at ASEM II.
7	Asia-Europe Business Forum (AEBF)		1st: Paris, France in October 1996 2nd: Bangkok, Thailand in November 1997 3rd: London, United Kingdom in April 1998 4th: Seoul, Korea in October 1999 5th: Wien, Austria in September 2000 6th: Singapore in October 2001 7th: Copenhagen, Denmark in September 2002 8th: Seoul, Korea in October 2003 9th: Hanoi, Vietnam in October 2004	Adopted at ASEM I.
8	Asia-Europe Environment Technology Centre (AEETC)	Thailand	Experts' Meeting held 10 times till 2002 and was absorbed into Environment Ministers' Meeting.	Adopted at ASEM I.
9	Studies on the Economic Synergy between Asia and Europe	Japan	A report presented to EMM I.	Adopted at ASEM I.
10	Study Group on Technological Exchange and Cooperation	China	1st: Beijing, China in April 1997	Adopted at ASEM I.

11	Asia-Europe Small and Medium-sized Enterprise (SME) Conference	Italy	1st: Napoli, Italy in February 1998	Adopted at ASEM II.
12	ASEM Connect Electronic Resource Network for SMEs	Singapore	- Preparatory meeting held in Singapore in February 1998. - ASEM Connect was launched at ASEM II.	Adopted at ASEM II.
13	Cooperation on Environment Disasters Preparedness including both Short and Long-Term Programme	United Kingdom		Adopted at ASEM II.
14	ASEM Trust Fund (ATF)	United Kingdom	- The first ATF phase (ATF I) commenced operations in June 1998 and operated until the end of 2002. - ASEM III decided to launch an ATF II.	Adopted at ASEM II.
15	European Financial Expertise (EFEX) Network	EU Commission	EFEX commenced activities in September 1998 and has been fully operational since January 1999.	Adopted at ASEM II.
16	Asia-Europe Information Technology and Telecommunications Programme (AEITTP)	Thailand	1st: Bangkok, Thailand in May 2001	Adopted at ASEM II, but changed to “Asia-Europe Information and Telecommunications Seminar” at ASEM III.
17	Asia-Europe Management Programme	The Philippines	Asia-Europe Management Programme was launched at the Philippine's Asian Institute of Management.	Adopted at ASEM II.
18	Network of SME Centres	Thailand		Adopted at ASEM II.
19	Trans-Eurasia Information Network (TEIN)	EU Commission, France, Korea, Singapore	1st: Seoul, Korea in May 2001 2nd: Brussels, Belgium in March 2002	Adopted at ASEM III.
20	ASEM Seminar on Digital Opportunity	Japan, Korea, Portugal, Singapore	1st: Tokyo, Japan in March 2001	Adopted at ASEM III.
21	Conference on E-commerce and Logistics	Belgium, Finland, Singapore	1st: Brussels, Belgium in 2001	Adopted at ASEM III.
22	Seminar on Asia-Europe Cooperation in SMEs	Belgium, Thailand		Adopted at ASEM III.
23	WTO Trade Facilitation Conference	EU Commission, Malaysia	1st: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in May 2001	Adopted at ASEM III.

24	Anti-money Laundering Initiative	Thailand, United Kingdom	1st: Bangkok, Thailand in September 2003 2nd: Berlin, Germany in October 2003	Adopted at ASEM III.
25	Science and Technology Cooperation on Forestry Conservation and Sustainable Development	China, Finland	1st: China in July 2001 2nd: Thailand in April 2002	Adopted at ASEM III.
26	Promoting Business Opportunities in ASEM	Vietnam	A report presented to EMM IV.	Adopted at ASEM III.
27	Kobe Research Project	Japan	1st: Kobe, Japan in January 2001 2nd: Seoul, Korea in January 2002	Adopted at FMM III.
28	Seminar on ASEM and Changing World Economy	Japan, Spain	1st: Tokyo, Japan in March 2002	
29	ASEM Public Debt Management Forum	Thailand	1st: Chiangmai, Thailand in November 2001 2nd: Copenhagen, Denmark in September 2002 3rd: Seoul, Korea in October 2003 4th: London, UK in December 2005	Adopted at FMM III.
30	ASEM Seminar on Water Resources Management	China, France, Portugal	1st: Changsha, China in June 2002	Adopted at FMM IV.
31	ASEM Co-operation in Training and Technical Assistance in the Banking Sector			
32	Promotion of the Exchange of Experiences in Planning and Implementing Fiscal Policies in ASEM			Adopted at FMM IV.
33	Information and Communication Technology Performance Reference Forum			Adopted at FMM IV.
34	ASEM Symposium on Multilateral and Regional Economic Relations	Germany, Japan, Singapore	1st: Tokyo, Japan in March 2003	Adopted at ASEM IV.
35	ASEM High-level Conference on Agricultural Cooperation	China	1st: Beijing, China in November 2003	Adopted at ASEM IV.
36	Workshop on Building Market Systems in the Context of Globalization	Germany, Vietnam	Concept paper presented to FMM VI.	Adopted at ASEM IV.

37	ASEM Task Force for Closer Economic Partnership between Asia and Europe	Japan, Spain	1st: Madrid, Spain in May 2003 2nd: Tokyo, Japan in September 2003 3rd: Frankfurt, Germany in November 2003 4th: Bangkok, Thailand in March 2004 - Concluded after presenting a final report to ASEM V.	Adopted at ASEM IV.
38	Round of Consultation on the DDA by WTO Experts	EU Commission		Adopted at ASEM IV.
39	ASEM PPP (Public Private Partnership) Seminar	France, Japan	1st: Tokyo, Japan in May 2004	Organized within the framework of ASEM IPAP.
40	ASEM Symposium on an Iron Silk Road	Finland, Korea	1st: Seoul, Korea in June 2004	Adopted at FMM VI.
41	ASEM Workshop on Urban Forestry	China	1st: Suzhou & Beijing, China in November 2004	Adopted at FMM VI.
42	ASEM Workshop on EU-ASIA S&T Cooperation Clean Technology	EU Commission, Vietnam	1st: Hanoi, Vietnam in November 2004	Adopted at ASEM V.
43	ASEM Trade and Investment Exposition	Austria, China, Germany, Thailand	1st: Xiamen, China in September 2005	Adopted at ASEM V.
44	ASEM Seminar on Energy	EU Commission, Japan	1st: Tokyo, Japan in January 2006	Adopted at High-level Meeting (EMM VI)
45	ASEM Workshop on Community-Level Actions for Global Environmental Agenda	Japan, Sweden	1st: Tokyo, Japan in February / March 2006	Adopted at FMM VII.
46	The ASEM Ocean Initiative	Indonesia, the Philippines, Portugal	1st: Manila, the Philippines in March 2006	Adopted at FMM VII.
47	Seminar on Labour Relations	The Netherlands	1st: Hague, the Netherlands in October 1998	
48	ASEM Seminar on International Financial Report Standards (IFRSs)	China, EU Commission	1st: Shanghai, China in March 2006	Adopted at FinMM VI.

49	ASEM Forum and Exposition on Tourist Investment and Cooperation	China	1st: Yantai, China in October 2006	Adopted at the High-level Meeting (EMM VI).
50	ASEM Workshop on Climate Change and Energy Security	China, Finland	1st: Helsinki, Finland in June 2006	Adopted at the Vienna SOM in March 2006.
51	Accounting Issues Workshop	China, United Kingdom	- Workshop held in Shanghai, China in 2005	Held in the framework of FinMM.

**Total number of Economic Initiatives: 51**

### III. Social/Cultural Pillar

No.	Name of Initiative	Proponent	Status	Remarks
1	ASEM Culture Ministers' Meeting	China	1st: Beijing, China in December 2003 2nd: Paris, France in June 2005	Adopted at ASEM IV.
2	ASEM Labour Ministers' Conference	Germany	1st: Berlin, Germany in September 2006	
3	Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)	France, Singapore	ASEF was established in Singapore in 1997 and has carried out over 300 projects.	Adopted at ASEM I.
4	Asia-Europe University Exchange Programme	Malaysia, Singapore		Adopted at ASEM I.
5	Intellectual Exchange between Asia and Europe	Japan	1st: Paris, France in November 1996 2nd: Ditchley Park, UK in May 1997 3rd: Tokyo, Japan in November 1997	Organized by the Council for Asia-Europe Cooperation(CAEC)
6	Asia-Europe Young Leaders Symposium	Austria, Japan	1st: Miyazaki & Tokyo, Japan in March 1997 2nd: Baden bei Wein, Austria in May 1998 3rd: Gangwon Province & Seoul, Korea in May 1999 4th: Limerick, Ireland in June 2000 5th: Putrajaya, Malaysia in October 2001 6th: Berlin, Germany in June 2002 7th: Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam in August 2003 8th: The Hague, the Netherlands in November / December 2004	Adopted at ASEM I.
7	Promoting the Welfare of Children including Combating Child Abuse	The Philippines, United Kingdom	1st: Manila, the Philippines in June 1997 2nd: London, UK in October 1998 3rd: Seoul, Korea in May 2000 4th: Guangzhou, China in November 2001 5th: Manila, the Philippines in March 2003	Adopted at ASEM II.
8	Cooperate in Combating Illicit Drugs	United Kingdom		Adopted at ASEM II.
9	Protection and Promotion on Cultural Heritage in ASEM countries	France, Vietnam	Held 2 times ( <i>detailed information not available</i> )	Adopted at ASEM II.
10	Asia-Europe Cooperation in Combining Traditional and Modern Medicine and Treatment for Community Health Care	Vietnam	Held 2 times ( <i>detailed information not available</i> )	Adopted at ASEM II.



11	Educational Exchange Initiative	United Kingdom		Adopted at ASEM II.
12	ASEM Education Hubs	Singapore	1st: Fontainebleau, France in November 1999 2nd: Singapore in November 2003	Adopted at FMM II.
13	Seminar on the Roles of State & Market	Denmark, Korea	1st: Copenhagen, Denmark in March 1999	Adopted at ASEM II.
14	Initiative to Combat Trafficking in Women and Children	The Philippines, Sweden, Thailand	1st: Stockholm, Sweden in November 2000 2nd: Bangkok, Thailand in October 2002 3rd: Bangkok, Thailand in September 2003	Adopted at ASEM III.
15	Initiative on HIV/AIDS	Malaysia, United Kingdom		Adopted at ASEM III.
16	ASEM DUO Fellowship Program	France, Korea, Singapore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Secretariat set up in Seoul, Korea in 2001 to facilitate implementation.</li> <li>- Has provided financial support to enhance reciprocal academic exchanges of students, teachers and professors of ASEM member countries.</li> <li>- Denmark joined the program at ASEM IV.</li> <li>- Thailand will join the program at ASEM VI.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Adopted at ASEM III for the period of 2001~2005.</li> <li>- Adopted at ASEM V for another extended period of 2006~2010.</li> </ul>
17	Human Resource Development in Information and Communications Technology	The Philippines		Adopted at ASEM III.
18	Seminar on Asia-Europe Cooperation on the Applications of Information	EU Commission, Thailand		Adopted at ASEM III.
19	Overcoming Cultural Nuances: Toward a New Public Management	The Philippines		Adopted at ASEM III.
20	Ministerial Conference on Cooperation for the Management of Migratory Flows Europe-Asia	China, Germany, Spain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-First Meeting was held in Lanzarote, Spain in April 2002 at Minister level.</li> <li>-Following meetings were held 4 times at DG level.</li> </ul>	Adopted at ASEM III.
21	Lifelong Learning	Denmark, Ireland, Malaysia, Singapore	1st: Denmark and Singapore in 2002 A report presented to ASEM VI.	Adopted at FMM III.

22	Promotion of ASEM Tourism Cooperation for Hunger Eradication, Poverty Elimination, and Enhancing Prosperity			
23	ASEM Information Board		ASEM Infoboard website established and run by ASEF.	
24	Asia-Europe Cooperation on Promoting Awareness in the Young Generation of the Drug Problem	China, Thailand, United Kingdom		Adopted at ASEM IV.
25	ASEM Symposium on Educational Exchange	EU Commission, Ireland, Japan, Singapore	1st: Tsukuba, Japan in November 2003	Adopted at ASEM IV.
26	ASEM Youth Games	Thailand	1st: Bangkok, Thailand in June 2005	Adopted at ASEM IV.
27	ASEM Workshop on the Future of Employment and the Quality of Labour	China, Germany, Ireland, Spain	3 workshops held. ( <i>detailed information not available</i> )	Adopted at ASEM IV.
28	Human Rights Education, Manual on Understanding Human Rights	Austria		
29	ASEM Seminar on the Management of Public Health Emergency	China	1st: Beijing, China in October 2003	Adopted at FMM V.
30	ASEM Cooperation on HIV/AIDS Control	The Netherlands, the Philippines, Sweden, Vietnam	1st: Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam in November 2005	Adopted at ASEM V.
31	ASEM Seminar on Health Quarantine Cooperation to Prevent and Control Communicable Diseases	Vietnam		Adopted at ASEM V.

32	ASEM Cooperation in the Applications of ICT in Human Resource Development and Capacity Building	Brunei Darussalam, Ireland, Japan, Korea, Sweden, Vietnam	1st: Ha long, Vietnam in June 2006	Adopted at ASEM V.
33	ASEM Education and Research Hub for Lifelong Learning	Denmark, Sweden, Thailand		Adopted at ASEM V.
34	The Inter-Faith Dialogue	Indonesia, United Kingdom	1st: Bali, Indonesia in July 2005 2nd: Larnaca, Cyprus in July 2006	Adopted at ASEM V.
35	Meeting of Environment Officials and Technology Transfer Centres		1st: Dusseldorf, Germany in March 1998	
36	Asia-Europe Centre/ Asia-Europe Institute	Malaysia	Asia-Europe Centre was established in 1997 and upgraded to Asia-Europe Institute.	
37	Collaborative Research Program on Networking	The Philippines		Adopted at ASEM III.
38	Project for a Euro-Asian Network for the Monitoring and Control of Communicable Diseases	France		Adopted at ASEM III.
39	ASEM Meeting of General Directors and Experts in the Field of Vocational Education and Training – “Strengthening Human Resources through VET”	Germany	1st: Berlin, Germany in February 2006	
40	A Report on the “Ten Years of ASEM”	Finland, Japan	- A final report was submitted to the Vienna SOM in March 2006.	Adopted at FMM VII.
41	An Overview Report on ASEM Initiatives	Korea	- A final report was submitted to the Vienna SOM in March 2006.	

**Total number of Social/Cultural Initiatives: 41**

**Attachment:****ASEM TFAP& IPAP Initiatives****I. ASEM Trade Facilitation Action Plan (TFAP)**

No	Name of Initiative	Status
1	Meeting on eCommerce	1st : Korea in October 2001 2nd : Finland in September 2002 3rd : Korea in October 2003 4th : United Kingdom in February 2005 5th : China in November 2006
2	Customs DG-Commissioner Meeting	1st : China in June 1996 2nd : Austria in June 1997 3rd : Belgium in June 1999 4th : Sweden in July 2001 5th : Korea in September 2003 6th : Scotland in June 2005
3	Customs Procedures Working Group (PWG) Meeting	1st : Belgium in March 1997 2nd : Belgium in March 1998 3rd : Philippines in February 1999 4th : Belgium in April 2000 5th : Thailand in April 2001 6th : Belgium in March 2002 7th : Indonesia in December 2003 8th : Singapore in April 2005
4	Customs Enforcement Working Group (EWG) Meeting	1st : Belgium in February 1997 2nd : Belgium in February 1998 3rd : Belgium in February 1999 4th : Belgium in February 2000 5th : Belgium in March 2001 6th : Malaysia in February 2002 7th : Malaysia in March 2003 8th : Belgium in May 2005 9th : Korea in April 2006
5	Working Group on Intellectual Property	1st : France in June 1996 2nd : Thailand in March 2000 3rd : Vietnam in May 2002 - Seminar on Geographical Indications held in Thailand in June 2006

6	Meeting on Standards and Conformity Assessment (SCA)	1st : Belgium in September 1998 2nd : Korea in March 1999 3rd : Belgium in October 1999 4th : Thailand in February 2000 5th : Belgium in October 2000 6th : Belgium in November 2001 7th : China in April 2002 8th : Belgium in December 2002 9th : Vietnam in December 2003 10th : Belgium in April 2004 11th : Japan in February 2005 12th: Austria in May 2006
7	Seminar on Government Procurement	1st : Germany in September 1999 2nd : Japan in March 2001
8	Working Group on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures	1st : Thailand in February 1999 2nd : China in September 1999 3rd : Netherlands in September 2000 4th : Netherlands in June 2002 5th : Switzerland in April 2003

## II. ASEM Investment Promotion Action Plan (IPAP)

No	Name of Initiative	Status
1	Investment Experts Group (IEG)	1st : France in November 1998 2nd : Singapore in February 1999 3rd : Belgium in June 1999 4th : Korea in May 2000 5th : Belgium in July 2001 6th : Indonesia in July 2002 7th : France in June 2003