

ASIA-EUROPE TRAINING AND YOUTH SUMMIT ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DIPLOMACY 2025

23 October - 4 December 2025, Online

15-18 December 2025, Copenhagen, Denmark

Organised alongside the 2nd European Science Diplomacy Conference

OVERVIEW

Ready to increase your impact in Science and Technology Diplomacy?

Join now to develop your skills and network with peers across Asia and Europe!

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 Science & Technology (S&T) cooperation.

For Asia and Europe, **deepening dialogue and collaboration** on Science and Technology Diplomacy brings major benefits. Through **knowledge exchange and collaboration leveraging both regions' scientific strengths and innovation potential**, economic competitiveness can be enhanced, as well as collaboration for public good and **joint action on global challenges**.

In response, ASEF is launching a Youth Initiative to strengthen Asia-Europe ties and **understanding among young professionals** working in the intersection of diplomacy, science and technology, who can **drive the collaboration together** and build strategic bridges for trust-building, foresight, and sustainable development.

The objectives of this initiative are to:



Facilitate knowledge exchange and mutual learning on the science and technology diplomacy ecosystems in Asia and Europe



Build skills in intercultural science and technology diplomacy communication and collaboration



Build peer-to-peer networks among participants to facilitate future dialogue and collaboration



ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

Asia-Europe **TRAINING** on Science and Technology Diplomacy 2025

Training
 23 Oct –
 4 Dec

Online

The Asia-Europe Training on Science and Technology Diplomacy 2025 takes place from **23 October–4 December 2025** and is a 7-week-long **online training** that offers an engaging learning experience for ca. 100 young professionals working in the intersection of science, technology, and international relations. Participants will join webinars and hands-on interactive workshops led by experts in the field, designed to build practical skills and foster cross-regional connections.

Training Programme Overview

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

All sessions 16:00 - 17:30 SGT / 08:00 - 09:30 UTC

Asia-Europe **YOUTH SUMMIT** on Science and Technology Diplomacy 2025






Youth Summit
 15-18 Dec

Copenhagen, Denmark

Selected participants from the online Training will be invited to join the **Asia-Europe Youth Summit on Science and Technology Diplomacy**. The Youth Summit takes place from **15-18 December 2025 in Copenhagen, Denmark**. This in-person summit is organised alongside the **2nd European Science Diplomacy Conference**, held from 17-18 December 2025, under the Danish EU Presidency.

At the Conference, youth delegates will present a **Declaration on Youth Perspectives on Asia-Europe Cooperation in Science Diplomacy**, contributing their voices to high-level discussions and shaping the future of collaboration in this vital field.

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

				
Science Impacting Diplomacy	Diplomacy Impacting Science	Innovation and Technology Diplomacy	Personal, Cultural, and Professional Perspectives	Peer-to-Peer Networking
How scientific advancements shape international relations between countries	The role of diplomatic efforts in enabling scientific cooperation and progress	How new technologies and innovation transform science diplomacy	Navigating communication and collaboration in diverse international settings	Networking with a diverse cohort of like-minded young professionals from across Asia and Europe

WHO SHOULD JOIN?

We are looking for early-career professionals with the following profiles:

- **Civil Society: Research and Science Managers** in universities or research institutions who has a supervisory or coordination role (e.g. managing research projects or teams, overseeing research areas, or supporting institutional research strategy), who are involved in international science, technology and innovation cooperation.
- **Government: Diplomats and Government Officials** working in the intersection of science, technology, innovation and international relations in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or relevant government institutions, either in capital or posted to an ASEF country

ELIGIBILITY & SELECTION CRITERIA

Participants will need to comply with the following eligibility criteria:

- Citizens of eligible Asian and European countries* up to 35 years old
- Excellent command of English (verbal and written)
- Currently working in the intersection of science, technology, innovation and international relations in Civil Society or Government (see above)

Selection criteria that will be considered:

- Motivation to participate
- Demonstrated experience in the topic
- Relevant and unique perspectives to contribute to the programme, as well as the potential to apply and share new learnings gained from the experience.

The selection process will ensure a non-discriminatory approach, assuring an even geographic representation, gender balance, and fair access to the opportunity for all.

**Asia: Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam.*

**Europe: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.*

WHAT COMMITMENT IS NEEDED?

The **Training programme** will take place between **23 October–4 December 2025**. Participants are required to join and set aside time to fully participate in the online sessions. Participants are expected to:

- Actively participate in **13 live sessions** over the course of the 7 weeks (on average 3 hours per week), taking place on **Tuesdays & Thursdays from 8am–9:30am UTC** online
- Engage in discussions & peer-to-peer learning, and learning from experts

Selected participants who are invited to join the **Youth Summit**, in Copenhagen, Denmark (15-18 December 2025) are expected to fully complete both the online Training programme and attend and actively engage onsite in Copenhagen.

ANY COSTS INVOLVED?

Participation is free of charge. There are neither registration nor participation fees for this programme. Accommodation, meals, and travel subsidies will be provided for the selected participants for the Youth Summit.

EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of the programme, participants should:

- **Understand the concepts of Science Impacting Diplomacy and Diplomacy Impacting Science**, how they contribute to it and can contribute further
- **Understand how countries across Asia and Europe collaborate** in the field of technology and innovation
- Have **developed the skills to understand Personal, Cultural and Professional lenses** of other stakeholders working in the field of Science & Technology Diplomacy, and communicate with them better.
- Have **built peer-to-peer connections with young leaders** in the Science and Technology Diplomacy field
- Have **strengthened their networks** with stakeholders in Science and Technology Diplomacy through high-level dialogues and exchanges.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

- **Deepen your expertise in Science and Technology Diplomacy**

Gain unique insights into how science and diplomacy intersect to shape global policy and innovation. Learn from leading experts and practitioners about the latest trends, challenges, and opportunities in this rapidly evolving field. Equip yourself with the knowledge to make a tangible impact on international collaboration and policy development.

- **Strengthen your intercultural communication skills**

Master the art of communicating across cultures and disciplines. Through interactive workshops and real-world scenarios, you'll develop the ability to bridge, personal, cultural, and professional perspectives – making you a more effective communicator and negotiator in diverse international environments

- **Expand your professional network across Asia and Europe**

Connect with a dynamic community of peers, experts, and leaders from both regions. Build relationships that open doors to future collaborations, joint research, and career opportunities in science and technology diplomacy, and beyond.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Q1: Are there any costs involved?

Participation in this programme is **free of charge**.

Selected participants of the **Youth Summit** in Copenhagen will be provided with:

- accommodation (single room);
- meals, adjusted for participants who have special dietary requirements, as much as possible
- a visa support letter to those who require it.

A **travel subsidy** will be provided by ASEF or CESSIT for eligible travel expenses between your country of residence and Copenhagen, Denmark. This subsidy includes:

- International return travel (e.g. flights, trains)
- Local airport transfers in Copenhagen
- Visa fees (if applicable)
- Travel insurance (if applicable)

Participants are expected to **cover travel costs upfront** and will be reimbursed **up to 3-months after the event** upon submission of all required documentation (invoices, tickets, boarding passes, etc.).

The reimbursement amount is calculated based on your country of residence. If based in Europe, the reimbursement amount is calculated based on the **travel distance** according to the official [European Commission Distance Calculator](#), and whether **green travel** is used. The individual reimbursement amounts will be shared upon selection.

Q2: I am older than 35 years old. Am I still eligible to apply?

This programme is particularly addressed to young professionals between 18-35 years old. However, if you are above 35 and believe you have a lot to contribute, we encourage you to still apply. Please bear in mind, however, that we will prioritise applicants who are a closer fit to the eligibility criteria.

Q3: If I am a citizen from an eligible country, but currently living in a non-eligible country, can I apply?

Yes, you are welcome to apply, however priority will be given to those based in an ASEF country,

because the goal of this project is to strengthen ties among these countries. Please also note that the online sessions during the programme will require joining from your respective time zone, therefore it may be difficult to join if you are in a time zone before UTC.

Q4: I do not have experience in this topic. Can I still apply?

This programme is particularly designed for early career professionals with at least 2-3 years of experience in the topic. However, our approach is designed to be inclusive of individuals with varying levels of knowledge and expertise, and we still encourage you to apply as long as you fit the eligibility criteria. We recognise that everyone has valuable perspectives to share and much to gain from engaging with this subject.

Q5: Can I participate in only one part of the programme (either the Training or the Youth Summit)?

All participants selected to attend the Youth Summit must complete the Training beforehand. However, if you are interested in the Training but unable or prefer not to attend the Youth Summit, you are welcome to participate in the Training standalone. There is an option in the Application Form to indicate your interest/availability.

Q6: Will I receive a certificate of participation?

Upon completion of the full Training programme, each Participant will receive a Certificate, jointly issued by ASEF and organising partners, for their participation in the programme.

Q7: Is the programme inclusive?

We aim to make all our projects as inclusive as possible and accommodate all needs of participants. We will, therefore, request all selected Participants to provide us with their special requirements.

For other questions, drop us an email: scitech@asef.org

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Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

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). 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, education, governance, sustainable development, economy, public health and media.

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Central European Scientific Society of Innovation and Technology (CESSIT)

CESSIT is dedicated to fostering scientific research, innovation, and technological advancement across Central Europe. Their work emphasises the translation of scientific knowledge into practical applications, while actively developing educational and training programs to enhance professional expertise. With a focus on cross-border collaborations and sustainable development, CESSIT organizes scientific conferences, supports research initiatives, and facilitates community engagement events to strengthen the regions innovation ecosystem. Their mission is to promote and support scientific research, innovation, and technological development in the Central European region.



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