



ARC5 Students' Forum

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Employability: Asia and Europe Prepare the New Generation

PROGRAMME

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Arrival, check-in and registration at *Hotel Krystal*

17:30 – 18:00 Briefing for Participants
ASEF Staff

19:00 – 21:00 **Welcome Dinner**

Remarks by the Organisers

Professor Jan SKRHA
Vice-Rector
Charles University in Prague

Ms Leonie NAGARAJAN
Director, Education Department
Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

Connect with your peers from 51 countries

08:30 – 09:00 **Registration at *Hotel Krystal***

OPENING CEREMONY

09:00 – 09:15 **Opening Messages**

Professor Tomáš ZIMA
Rector
Charles University in Prague

Ambassador ZHANG Yan
Executive Director
Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

09:15 – 09:30 **ARC Origins and Objectives**

Ms Leonie NAGARAJAN
Director of Education Department
Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

09:30 – 10:00 **Caffeine Pit Stop and Group Photo**

PLENARY SESSION

10:00 – 11:15 **Leaving the Nest: Are universities the ultimate platform to nourish employability skills among youth?**

Moderator:

Ms Leonie NAGARAJAN
Director, Education Department
Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

Panellists:

Ms Martine REICHERTS
Directorate General Education and Culture (DG EAC)
European Commission (*proposed*)

Representative of

Samsung University Relations Office (*proposed*)

Ms Šárka ŠIMŮNKOVÁ

Intern and Diploma Student Recruitment
ŠKODA AUTO (*proposed*)

Mr Alain DEHAZE
Chief Executive Director
Aldecco Group (*proposed*)

11:15 – 12:00 **IQ/EQ Chit-Chat with Panellists**

12:00 – 13:30 **Lunch and Brain Aerobics**

13:30 – 14:00 **Rapid Fire Presentations**

Objective: Summary of the online preparatory phase of the Students' Forum by student representatives of each Working Group

WG1 - The Employment-Friendly Curriculum

WG2 - Work-Study Balance

WG3 - Thinking and Learning Beyond the Box – Extracurricular Activities and Exchanges

WG4 - Strategies for the New Economy

DESIGN THE FUTURE – SHARE

14:00 – 15:30 Objective: Share ideas and best practices on the key issues that surround employability

WG 1: The Employment-Friendly Curriculum

What would an optimal curriculum look like to gain the right skills? Is there a right skill-set at all? Design a proposal which contributes to better employability!

Moderator:

Student representative – Asia

Mentor:

Representative from Charles University in Prague (proposed)

WG 2: Work-Study Balance

Create a roadmap which leads through a successful university life! Is it necessary to build up working experience during your academic career? If so, how could students better acquire and combine study and work experiences?

Moderator:

Student representative – Erasmus Student Network (proposed)

Mentor:

Professor LEE Sing Kong

Vice-President

Nanyang Technological University (proposed)

WG 3: Thinking and Learning Beyond the Box – Extracurricular Activities and Exchanges

What needs to be done to allow students an easier exposure to extracurricular activities and exchanges? How could the skills and competences gained through these be better recognised? Are extracurricular activities worthwhile or rather a distraction? Do international exchanges and student mobility serve as a decisive factor for better employability?

Moderator:

Student representative – Asia

Mentor:

Professor Dr Nick MILES

Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Advancement

University of Nottingham (proposed)

WG 4: Strategies for the New Economy

Are existing areas of cooperation between universities, business and government sufficient? Which partnership models are required to boost employability in the new economy?

Moderator:

Student representative – European Students Union (proposed)

Mentor:

Representative from Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (proposed)

15:30 – 16:00 **Caffeine Pit Stop**

- 16:00 – 17:30 **DESIGN THE FUTURE - EXPLORE**
Objective: Explore potential solutions to the key issues that surround employability.
- WG 1: The Employment-Friendly Curriculum
 WG 2: Work-Study Balance
 WG 3: Thinking and Learning Beyond the Box – Extracurricular Activities and Exchanges
 WG 4: Strategies for the New Economy
- 17:30 – 18:00 **PLENARY SESSION**
Review Loop
 Mentors of the Working Groups present the current status of the group discussions.
- WG 1: The Employment-Friendly Curriculum
 WG 2: Work-Study Balance
 WG 3: Thinking and Learning Beyond the Box – Extracurricular Activities and Exchanges
 WG 4: Strategies for the New Economy
- 19:00 – 22:00 **Dinner at the Carolinum**
 Hosted by Charles University in Prague

Tuesday, 5 April 2015

Day 2

- 08:30 – 09:00 **Registration**
- 09:00 – 09:30 **Policy Recommendations: the how-to in 30 minutes**
 Mr Vladimír BARTOVIC
 Director
 EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy (*proposed*)
- 09:30 – 10:30 **DESIGN THE FUTURE - FORMULATE**
Objective: Explore potential solutions to the key issues that surround employability and start formulating policy recommendations for the 6th ASEM Education Ministers' Meeting (ASEM ME6).
- WG 1: The Employment-Friendly Curriculum
 WG 2: Work-Study Balance
 WG 3: Thinking and Learning Beyond the Box – Extracurricular Activities and Exchanges
 WG 4: Strategies for the New Economy
- 10:30 – 11:00 **Caffeine Pit Stop**
- 11:00 – 12:30 **DESIGN THE FUTURE - FINALISE**
Objective: Finalise the policy recommendations for the 6th ASEM Education Ministers' Meeting (ASEM ME6).
- WG 1: The Employment-Friendly Curriculum
 WG 2: Work-Study Balance
 WG 3: Thinking and Learning Beyond the Box – Extracurricular Activities and Exchanges
 WG 4: Strategies for the New Economy
- 12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch**
- 14:00 – 15:30 **PLENARY SESSION**
Finalisation of the Policy Recommendations
- 15:30 – 16:00 **Caffeine Pit Stop**

- 16:00 – 18:00 **Interview Role Playing Game**
Conducted by recruitment companies & head hunter agencies
- 18:00 – 20:00 **Asia-Europe Cultural Evening, Certificates & Awards**

Wednesday, 6 April 2015

Day 3

- 09:00 – 12:30 **Study Visit to Czech Company** (*proposed*)
- 12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch**
- 14:00 – 18:00 **Cultural Tour in Prague**
- Free evening

Thursday, 7 April 2015

Day 4

- Check-out from hotel
- 08:30 – 09:00 **Registration at Orea Hotel Pyramida**
- 09:00 – 09:20 **OPENING CEREMONY**
Opening Messages
Professor Tomáš ZIMA
Rector
Charles University in Prague
- Ambassador ZHANG Yan
Executive Director
Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)
- HE Dr Lubomír ZAORÁLEK
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Czech Republic (*proposed*)
- 09:20 – 10:00 **ASEM Keynote Speech**
Ms Michaela MARKSOVÁ
Minister of Labour and Social Affairs
Czech Republic (*proposed*)
- Business Keynote Speech**
High Level Business Representative
- 10:00 – 10:30 **Group Photo**, including Coffee and Tea Break
- 10:30 – 10:45 **ARC Origins and Objectives**
Ms Leonie NAGARAJAN
Director of Education Department
Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)
- 10:45 – 12:00 **PLENARY SESSION**
Objective:
Provide first food for thought on employability issues in higher education from a business, policy, social and university point of view.
- Moderator:**
Ms Leonie NAGARAJAN
Director of Education Department
Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

Panellists:
High Level Business Representative

Mr Sander DEKKER
State Secretary
Ministry of Education, Culture and Science
Kingdom of the Netherlands (Presidency of the Council of the EU) (*proposed*)

Mr Michel SERVOZ
Director-General of DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (DG EMPL)
European Commission (*proposed*)

Ms Emma MARCEGAGLIA
President
BUSINESSEUROPE (*proposed*)

Professor Ilian MIHOV
Dean
INSEAD (*proposed*)

12:00 – 12:30

Rapid Fire Presentations

WG1 - The Employment-Friendly Curriculum
Student representative

WG2 - Work-Study Balance
Student representative

WG3 - Thinking and Learning Beyond the Box – Extracurricular Activities and Exchanges
Student representative

WG4 - Strategies for the New Economy
Student representative

Q&A

Hand-over of the ARC5 Students' Forum Recommendations for the ARC5 Rectors' Conference and ASEM ME6

12:30 – 14:00

Speed Dating Lunch with Businesses and ARC5 Students

Departure