

Introducing the



# ASEM Aquaculture Platform

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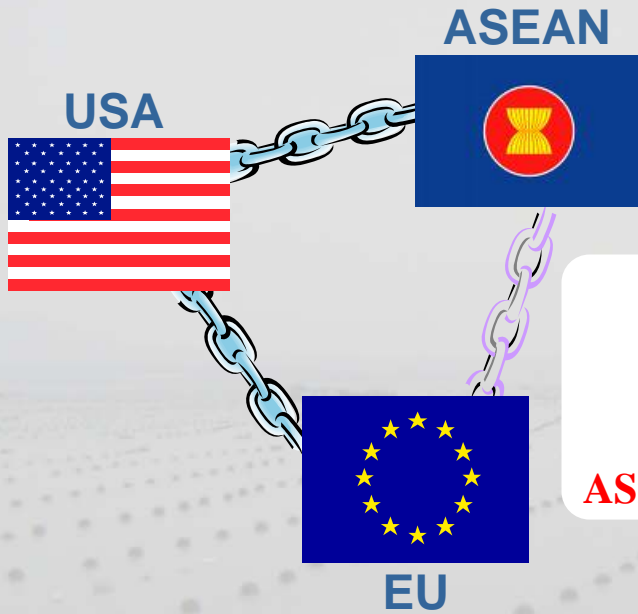
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## WHAT IS ASEM?



*“... an informal process of dialogue and cooperation, based on equal partnership and enhancing mutual understanding ...”*




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## Towards a Common Vision for Asia and Europe

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### Key Characteristics

Key characteristics of the ASEM process include:

- ▶ its informality (complementing rather than duplicating the work already being carried out in bilateral and multilateral fora);
- ▶ its multidimensionality (devoting equal weight to political, economic and cultural dimensions)
- ▶ its emphasis on equal partnership, eschewing any "aid-based" relationship (taken forward under our bilateral relations) in favour of a more general process of dialogue and cooperation
- ▶ its high-level focus, stemming from the Summits themselves.

### Introduction

The origins of the ASEM process lay in a mutual recognition, in both Asia and Europe, that the

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## MILESTONES

1996, Bangkok: ASEM inauguration summit

- Shape future science & technology cooperation
- Identify priority areas: - forestry
  - water management
  - clean production
  - **AQUACULTURE**

1999, Beijing: Meeting of Ministers of Science & Technology

- Work out an action-oriented agenda for scientific co-operation towards sustainable aquaculture
- Identify key areas of societal concern (food quality, environmental sustainability & social equitability) organised around 6 thematic issues

2002, Beijing: Aquachallenge Workshop

2003, Belgium: ASEM Aquaculture Platform

- Formulate recommendations on:
- Diseases & Health management
  - Environment & Ecosystem preservation
  - Domestication & Breeding
  - Education & Training
  - Food safety, Trade & Regulatory aspects
  - Food security

2007, Belgium: ASEM Aquaculture Platform

- Translate recommendations into activities
- Engage a dialogue with end-users

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## THE PROJECT CONTENT

The ASEM Aquaculture Platform is: "... a multi-stakeholder platform for activities related to sustainable aquaculture between ASEM member countries."

- Build and manage a platform
- Expert workshops → recommendations
- Facilitate new partnerships

- scientists
- traders
- producers
- policy-makers
- consumers

- Management committee (5)
- Steering committee (8)
- Platform members:
  - 33 universities & research institutes
  - 10 governmental & inter-governmental organisations
  - 8 non-governmental organisations
  - 10 companies



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## CROSS-CULTURAL COMMUNICATION

language gap

cultural gap

Communication etiquette



## Useful links:

- ASEM Aquaculture Platform: [www.asemaquaculture.org](http://www.asemaquaculture.org)
- ASEM on the EC: [europa.eu.int/comm/external\\_relations/asem/intro](http://europa.eu.int/comm/external_relations/asem/intro)  
[www.aseminfoboard.org](http://www.aseminfoboard.org)
- AquaChallenge: [www.aquachallenge.org](http://www.aquachallenge.org)

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