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Invitation to ASEM (Education) Stakeholders

Dear Colleagues,

The Chair conclusions of ASEMME4 mention that the Ministers invited the European Commission to organise a seminar for ASEM members on the international dimension of the new EU education programme (2014-2020) with a focus on funding opportunities for Asia-Europe mobility and cooperation. As I announced at the Senior Official Meeting in Riga on 11 November 2014 at which many of you were present, we are planning to organise an event which responds to this invitation immediately after ASEMME5 on 29 April 2015.

The new EU programme, Erasmus+, was launched on 1 January 2014. It replaces and simplifies the previous generation of EU international higher education cooperation programmes and offers a wide range of opportunities for mobility of individuals, capacity building and internationalization of institutions and modernisation of higher education institutions and systems. Complementing Erasmus+, the EU Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions were also launched on 1 January 2014, offering greater opportunities for researcher mobility and cooperation.

We will be explaining more about these programmes at our Erasmus+ Information Day where we hope to welcome you. The idea is to present all the actions open to international cooperation and leave time for discussion and exchanges after each presentation. We are concentrating our focus on the ASEM Asia members as they have not to date been targeted, while we have undertaken extensive promotional activities in Europe. You will find attached a draft programme for the event (Annex 1).

We will launch a dedicated website for registrations shortly but would be grateful for your early indications of participants (maximum two per stakeholder - please find a table for reply at Annex 2). Could you please send this by e-mail, indicating the topic "Participation in ASEM Erasmus+ Conference," by 20 February to Patricia Moreau who is coordinating this initiative: patricia.moreau@ec.europa.eu

For clarity, I should mention that we will not cover costs incurred by stakeholders, except for catering and transport, etc, as indicated in the attached note (Annex 3).

We look forward to your participation in the event.

Yours sincerely,


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cc: Mss Liga Lejina and Anita Vahere-Abražune, Ministry of Education and Science,
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Encl: Annex 1 – Draft programme
Annex 2 – Excel sheet to be completed (provisional list of participants)
Annex 3 – Financial conditions for participation