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## Other events

A number of different events are to be organised just before or parallel to the ASEM 6 Summit.

### Asia-Europe People's Forum (AEPF)

Representatives of nongovernmental organisations (NGOs) gather to the Asia-Europe People's Forum (AEPF) in Helsinki between 3 and 6 September 2006. The main themes of the meeting are economic security and social rights, human security and peace, and human rights and democracy.

More at [www.aepf.net](http://www.aepf.net)

### ASEM@10: Connecting Civil Societies of Asia and Europe

The objective of ASEM@10: Connecting Civil Societies of Asia and Europe event is to bring together various ASEM actors to take stock of the 10 years of ASEM cooperation and to envisage possible ways to introduce added value to the cooperation in the future. The event will be based on a joint research project by Finland and Japan, entitled "ASEM in its Tenth Year: Looking Back, Looking Forward".

Check media programme for timetable  
More at [www.asem6.fi/asem\\_at\\_ten](http://www.asem6.fi/asem_at_ten)

### Launch of TEIN2

The launch of the Trans-Eurasia Information Network 2 will take place in connection with the ASEM 6 Summit. The Trans-Eurasia Information Network 2 (TEIN2) project has established an advanced Internet-based telecommunications super-highway dedicated for collaborative use by the research and education communities in Asia-Pacific and Europe.

Check media programme for timetable  
More at [www.tein2.net/asem6](http://www.tein2.net/asem6)

### Asia-Europe Business Forum (AEBF)

Asia-Europe Business Forum (AEBF) brings together business leaders to discuss ways to promote trade and investments. The Forum participants submit recommendations to the governments of the Asian and European countries on how to develop economic cooperation. The AEBF meeting aims at enhancing dialogue between business leaders and economic experts on both continents and at tightening relations between the ASEM countries' governments and business life.

More at [www.aebf10.org](http://www.aebf10.org)

Asia-Europe Meeting  
ASEM 6 Summit  
Helsinki, Finland  
10 - 11 September 2006  
[www.asem6.fi](http://www.asem6.fi)

## Topic guide

Guide to the meeting topics and the content of the Media Kit (USB memory pen)



ASIA-EUROPE MEETING



ASEM 6  
Ten years of ASEM

## ASEM Highlights

### Two regions, one family

Since 1996, ASEM has become established as the prime forum for contact and convergence between Asia and Europe. Today ASEM partners - twenty-five European Union member states, the European Commission, ten ASEAN member states, and three Northeast Asian nations - represent 40 % of the world's population and 50 % of the global GDP. The maturity of the forum makes ASEM a unique opportunity for the Leaders from Asia and Europe to meet in an informal setting and engage in a frank exchange of views even on sensitive topics.

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Bruchures at Media centre: ASEM 6

Links: [www.asem6.fi](http://www.asem6.fi)

[www.aseminfoboard.org](http://www.aseminfoboard.org)

[http://ec.europa.eu/comm/external\\_relations/asem/intro/index.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/comm/external_relations/asem/intro/index.htm)

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### Supporting a multilateral approach

Committed to support for a fair, just, and rule-based system with the United Nations at its centre, the Summit will address a broad security agenda including prevention of terrorism, organised crime and global health threats. The Summit will discuss the latest state-of-play of the WTO talks, with the ambition to complement and reinforce efforts to reach a successful conclusion of the negotiations on the WTO Doha Development Agenda.

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### Promoting intercultural dialogue

ASEM promotes better mutual understanding between the peoples of Europe and Asia. The Summit will approve the Cultural Action Plan adopted in ASEM Cultural Ministers' Meeting in Paris in 2005. The Summit will also signal continued support for the ASEM Interfaith Dialogue as well as for the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) which organises exchange programs and conferences in the intellectual, cultural and people-to-people fields.

Media kit folder: Intercultural dialogue

Documents at Media centre: Bali Declaration on Building Interfaith Harmony within the International Community, Paris Action Plan, Hanoi Declaration on Dialogue among Cultures and Civilizations

Link: [www.asef.org](http://www.asef.org)

[www.aseminfoboard.org](http://www.aseminfoboard.org)

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### Joint declaration on climate change

Asia and Europe strive to enhance sustainable development and the quality of life. With this aim, the Summit is expected to issue an action oriented joint declaration on climate change. It aims specifically at contributing to the multilateral efforts in meeting present and future commitments under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and its Kyoto Protocol as well as advancing complementary actions in other fora with the goal of stabilising greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere.

Link: [www.ymparisto.fi/default.asp?contentid=195660&lan=fi&clan=en](http://www.ymparisto.fi/default.asp?contentid=195660&lan=fi&clan=en)  
[www.audit06.fi](http://www.audit06.fi)

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### ASEM is for the people

ASEM is not only intergovernmental cooperation, but also a bottom-up process. Several ASEM events have taken place to ensure an active involvement of different stakeholders who will be passing their messages to the ASEM6 Summit. These include the 4th Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership (ASEP), 6th Asia-Europe People's Forum (AEPF), 10th Asia Europe Business Forum (AEBF), and Asia-Europe Trade Union Summit .

Media kit folder: ASEM for the people

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[www.asef.org](http://www.asef.org)

[www.aepf.net](http://www.aepf.net)

[www.aebf10.org](http://www.aebf10.org)

[www.asep4.fi](http://www.asep4.fi)

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### Looking into the future

ASEM6 celebrates the tenth anniversary of ASEM cooperation also by looking ahead. The Summit is expected to adopt the Helsinki Declaration on the Future of ASEM. This declaration aims to consolidate and further develop the Asia-Europe dialogue, emphasising ASEM's twofold importance as a tool to promote effective multilateral cooperation, and as a catalyst complementing other relevant cooperation processes. The text, together with an action-oriented, detailed annex, will outline the key policy areas on which ASEM should focus in the future.

ASEM6 Summit is also expected to take a decision on ASEM's next enlargement and invite new partners from both Europe and Asia to join the process.

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Publications at Media centre: ASEM in its tenth year

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