



EU-China cooperation on sustainable urban and regional development

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Urbanisation: a joint challenge

Risks:

- ✓ *Urban population expected to double from 2.6 billion (2010) to 5.2 billion in 2050*
- ✓ *Environmental and social problems, congestion, safety, etc.*

Opportunities:

- ✓ *Cities = engines of growth and innovation, social and cultural development*
- ✓ *Our future = future of our cities*

"Make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable" (SDG 11)

Two-fold EU urban approach

1) EU Urban Agenda with three components

- ✓ *Regulatory*
- ✓ *Funding*
- ✓ *Sharing of knowledge and action*

Pact of Amsterdam (NL-Presidency)

Two-fold EU urban approach

2) International outreach

- ✓ *Urban dimension in 12 agreements on regional policy cooperation between European Commission (DG REGIO) and third countries*
- ✓ *World Cities (**China**, Canada, India, Japan)*
- ✓ *URBELAC (Latin America)*

EU-China Regional and Urban Policy Dialogue



EU-China Regional Policy Cooperation

- ✓ *Started 2006*
- ✓ *Annual High Level Dialogues and Seminars*
- ✓ *Expert exchanges*
 - ✓ 250+ experts from Chinese regions
 - ✓ 130+ experts from EU regions
- ✓ *Many cooperation agreements and MoUs signed:
public authorities / research institutions / business*

CETREGIO / World Cities impressions



Perspectives for future cooperation (1)

1. Deepened dialogue / cooperation

Areas inter alia:

- ✓ Regional integration,
- ✓ regional innovation,
- ✓ support to start-ups and SMEs,
- ✓ industrial transformation and upgrading,
- ✓ linking urban and rural development,
- ✓ capacity building

Perspectives for future cooperation (2)

2. Cities-to-cities and B2B cooperation

- ✓ **Explore and realize cooperation in:**
 - ✓ Innovative sustainable urban development
 - ✓ Joint innovative business projects

3. EU Support through the Partnership Instrument 2016-2018

Thank you!
感谢你们!

Invitation:

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