



The EU-China Partnership on Urbanisation

**A unique political platform to deliver on
the promise of a “Better City Better Life”**



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1.

The rationale for a Partnership on Urbanisation

Urbanisation in China: A mega-trend for the decades to come

350 million

will be added to China's urban population by 2025—
more than the population of today's United States

1 billion

people who will live in China's cities by 2030

221

Chinese cities will have one million + people living in them—
Europe has 35 today

5 billion

square meters of road will be paved

170

mass-transit systems could be built

40 billion

square meters of floor space will be built—in five million buildings

50,000

of these buildings could be skyscrapers—the equivalent
to constructing up to ten New York cities

5 times

—the number by which GDP will have multiplied by 2025

Better City Better life: A flavour of City-related activities at EU Pavilion, Shanghai Expo 2010

17-18 May: IT for sustainable cities

14 to 18 June: European Science and Technology Week:
Innovation for Urban Future

5 July: EU-China Smart City Forum

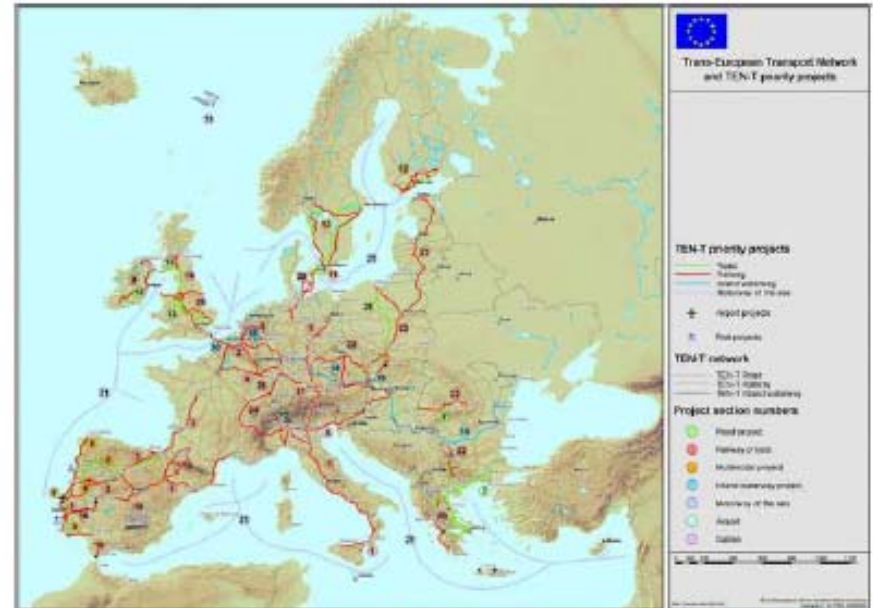


Energy Commissioner Oettinger at EU-China Smart City Forum

8 September: European Green Capitals



Converging Strategies: China's 12th Five-Year Plan and Europe 2020





2.

A Partnership endorsed
at the highest political level



***Premier WEN Jiabao, President Van Rompuy, President Barroso
Joint Statement of the EU-China Summit, 14 February 2012, Beijing***



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***Vice Premier Li Keqiang and President Barroso
Signature of the Joint Declaration on Urbanisation, 3 May 2012, Brussels***





3.

Operationalizing the Partnership: An Overview



Scope for bilateral cooperation: ambitious and comprehensive

- 1) Strategies and policies relevant to the development of urbanisation;
 - 2) Spatial distribution of urbanisation;
 - 3) Sustainable development of urban industrial economy;
 - 4) Urban public services system;
 - 5) Urban infrastructure investment and financing mechanisms;
 - 6) Urban housing supply system and patterns;
 - 7) Urban energy supply and demand management;
 - 8) Urban mobility, public transport and smart transport;
 - 9) Urban green buildings;
 - 10) Urban ecological protection, environmental protection and treatment;
 - 11) Protection of urban historical and cultural features and formation of urban landscape;
 - 12) Urban governance;
 - 13) Urban-rural integrated development;
 - 14) Exchanges and discussions as well as personnel training on urbanisation development;
- (一) 城镇化发展战略和政策
 - (二) 城镇化空间布局
 - (三) 城镇产业经济可持续发展
 - (四) 城市公共服务体系
 - (五) 城市基础设施建设投融资机制
 - (六) 城市住房供应体系和模式
 - (七) 城市能源供应与需求管理
 - (八) 城市交通、公共交通和智能交通
 - (九) 城市绿色建筑
 - (十) 城市生态环境保护与治理
 - (十一) 城市历史文化风貌保护和景观塑造
 - (十二) 城市治理
 - (十三) 城乡一体化发展
 - (十四) 城镇化发展交流研讨和人员培训



Stakeholders: based on openness and inclusiveness

Cooperative efforts at all appropriate levels:

- Across Institutions, Ministries and Agencies at central level**

=>for the EU: Commission, Council, EEAS, EU Parliament, Council of Regions, European Economic and Social Committee, etc)

- National, regional, local**

=> with emphasis on actions undertaken by EU Member States in the field of urbanisation in China

- Governments and businesses**



Coordination Mechanism: rooted in diligence and timeliness

Coordinators are appointed on both sides:

- the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) for China**
- DG Energy of the European Commission for the EU**

An EU-China Urbanisation Forum will be convened every year to convene all relevant Ministries

Key progress and next steps will be reported to the EU-China Summit (15th Summit planed for the autumn of 2012 in Brussels)



4.

A flagship event for our cities:
The annual EU-China Mayors Forum



An outline of the EU-China Mayors Forum



Co-organisers:

- the China Association of Mayors, under the guidance of MoHURD**
- the EU Covenant of Mayors, under the guidance of DG Energy of the European Commission**

Urban planners, architects, businesses will be invited to present their best urban solutions

The first forum will take place at the time of the next EU-China Summit (15th Summit planed for the autumn of 2012 in Brussels)



Objective:

Achieving emission reductions in the following areas

- Buildings (EE retrofitting and low-carbon standards for new buildings)
- Sustainable urban mobility
- Sustainable energy (heating and cooling networks, advanced electricity grids, ICT for EE)
- Change of behaviour

Benefits:

- Support from the EU institutions, Covenant of Mayors Office and Supporting Structures
- Financial resources dedicated to Covenant cities
- Exchange of experiences with mayors facing the same challenge
- Visibility and recognition for your actions all around Europe



Learn more:

http://ec.europa.eu/energy/climate_actions/mayors/doc/covenant_en.pdf



5.

A sample of Specific Cooperation projects



1- The EU-China Social Protection Reform programme

Challenges of Social Protection in China:

- Rapidly growing influx of new residents resulted from rural/urban migration & accelerated urbanisation process
- Rapid and steady growth of ageing population (above 15% of total population by 2020)
- Provision of an equitable social protection system to migrants & ageing population
- High pressure on social stability and social justice throughout the country

Formulation

- EU Contribution - EUR 7 million
- Duration – 2013 to 2017
- Counterparts – NDRC, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Civil Affairs & other stakeholders (MOHRSS, CIRC, etc)
- Objective – to contribute to improvement of the functioning of the social protection system in China
- Focus points: policy development and implementation; financial management and supervision; legal framework and policy enforcement for social assistance



2- The EC-LINK eco-Urbanisation project

- The specific objective:

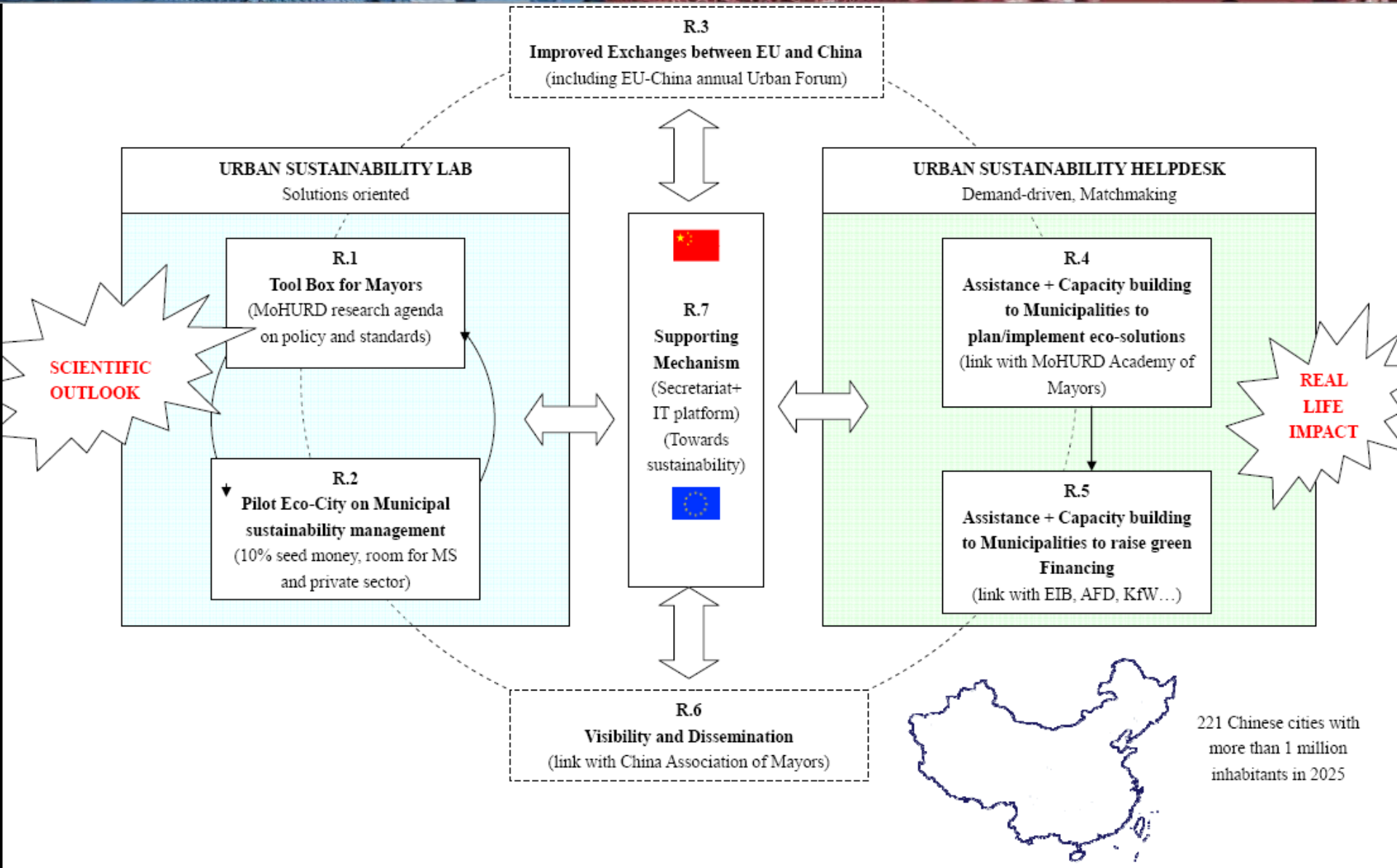
→ assist Chinese cities in adopting energy and resource efficient ecological solutions by sharing with China experiences in European sustainable urbanisation and other relevant policies.

- The main target groups are:

→ government decision makers and policy makers at the municipal (in particular Mayors), provincial and central levels in China (particularly the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development and its affiliated institutions/associations) as well as practitioners in the domain relevant to the project.

Check the preliminary information for bidding consortiums:

http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/china/documents/eu_china/sustainable_urbanisation/action_fiche_eu_china_low-carbon_and_environmental_sustainability_programme.pdf





3- The EAST Project “From pilot to sustainable towns: Satellite cities and metropolitan governance”

Objectives:

1. Development and promotion of integrated urban approach to foster sustainable development of New Towns and satellite cities in Asia.
2. Improvement of capacities and development of skills of local teams (urban planners, architects, investors, local authorities).
3. Implementation of networks and knowledge exchange.
4. Implementation of local strategies and actions for sustainable urban development.
5. Development of measures to combat and climate change.
6. Communication and visibility of the actions through active networking and dissemination of results.



<http://east-project.org/>

**Kicked-off in March 2011,
48 months project, more
than half million EUR!**

In Shanghai:
Baoshan and Qingpu districts



6.

The contribution from Business: Towards an EU-China “Sustainable Urbanisation Park” in Shenyang



European Chamber
中国欧盟商会



Concept

A pilot project for an “Sino-EU Sustainable Urbanisation Park” will set up by Euro Sino Invest together with the Construction Working Group of the EUCCC (A Memorandum of Understanding was signed already).

The project has 50% of residential and 50% of advanced businesses park. It will be around 600,000 sqm totally. The ABP includes Commercial, Light Industrial, and Office.

The SUP delivers three times from the sustainability and environmental friendly angles:

- During the construction phase (Design and incorporation of technologies)
- During the exploitation phase (demonstrating power over the whole lifecycle)
- Via the selection of private companies settling in the Park
 - Timing: Start of the project in 2012
 - Development and Financing: fully covered by private sector (Euro Sino Invest /欧洲易赛投资)



7.

For more resources about the EU-China Partnership on Urbanisation



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THE EU-CHINA PARTNERSHIP ON SUSTAINABLE URBANISATION: "BETTER CITY BETTER LIFE"

"Leaders announced the establishment of the China-EU Partnership on Urbanisation, which aims at promoting exchanges and cooperation in a wide range of sustainable urban development. The two sides agreed to hold the first China-EU Mayors' Forum in 2012".

Premier WEN, President Barroso, President Van Rompuy, Joint Statement of the EU-China Summit, 14 February 2012, Beijing

The **speed and scale of urban development** in China is a phenomenon unprecedented in human history. On 12 January 2012, China's National Bureau of Statistics announced that the Chinese urbanization level crossed the highly symbolic 50% threshold during the previous year. This mega-trend is far from over: according to some estimates, 350 million people will be added to China's urban population by 2030.

This is both a major challenge and a unique opportunity, echoing the strategic objectives of economic rebalancing and a more qualitative, smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. Managing the challenges of urbanisation is a key task if we move towards a "green growth" strategy, stressing the importance of efficient use of resources and protection of the environment while ensuring economic growth.

Prolonging Shanghai Expo's "Better City Better Life" spirit for the years to come, the China-EU partnership on Sustainable Urbanisation will offer a natural framework for concerted actions, such as a new programme designed to assist Chinese mayors, and the creation of an annual EU-China Urban Forum from 2012 onwards. The political initiative should also constitute a platform for Member States to leverage their existing and future actions in the field of urbanisation in China.

Reference Documents

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- ▶ [EU-China Joint Declaration on Urbanisation 03 May 2012](#) [762 KB] [\[CN Version\]](#) [885 KB]
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- ▶ [Indicative calendar of events for the first semester 2012](#) [58 KB]

Cooperation at Central level

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Science and Technology-Smart Digital Cities

- ▶ [Research Project UrbaChina](#)

Related Links

- ▶ [EU Smart Cities and Communities initiative](#)
- ▶ [EU Covenant of Mayors](#)
- ▶ [The EU-China Low-Carbon Economy Platform](#)
- ▶ [Research Project UrbaChina](#)
- ▶ [Switch Asia "Train the trainers" project: energy-efficiency in construction](#)
- ▶ [Online catalogue of EU energy-efficient building solutions](#)
- ▶ [CIVITAS clean urban mobility](#)

Links to some partner organisations



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See recent events in Brussels:

EU-China Urbanisation Partnership event, 03 May 2012

<http://www.friendsofeurope.org/Contentnavigation/Events/Eventsoverview/tabid/1187/EventntType/EventView/EventId/1150/EventDateID/1156/PageID/5757/EUChinaUrbanisationPartnership.aspx>

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