

Strategies for Successful Europe-China Collaboration in Research and Education

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PROGRAMME

09.30 – 10.00	Registration - Coffee
10.00 – 10.40	Opening speeches: Maurits VAN ROOIJEN , Compostela Group President Giovanni PITTELLA , Vice-President of European Parliament <i>Chair: John TUPPEN, Santander Group President</i>
10.40 – 11.00	China's Funding Policies for Academic Mobility Schemes Jianmin LI , Minister-Counselor, The Mission of the People's Republic of China to the EU
11.00 – 11.20	Implications and Challenges in Europe-China Relations in Higher Education Gustaaf GEERAERTS , Director of Brussels Institute of Contemporary China Studies (BICCS), Vrije Universiteit Brussel
11.20 – 11.40	Q&A
11.50 – 12.10	Coffee break
12.10– 13.00	Presentations of case studies from Networks' member universities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sapienza University of Rome: Luciano SASO, Deputy Rector for International Mobility • Vrije Universiteit Brussel: Jan CORNELIS, Professor, Department of Electronics and Informatics (ETRO): "Interuniversity laboratory AVSP of VUB and Northwestern Polytechnic University in Xi'an; the LIAMA consortium within the Chinese Academy of Sciences" • Ghent University: Isabelle DE COEN, Coordinator of China Platform • University of Kent: Stephen WALLIS, Director of International Relations Office
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 15.30	Round table discussions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Social and Cultural Dimension of the Europe-China Co-operation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European expert: Jeanne BODEN, Director ChinaConduct, Researcher at Ghent University • Chinese expert: Zhu CHANG, Professor at Department of Educational Sciences, Vrije Universiteit Brussel • <i>Moderator: Marina CASALS, Coordinator of the Internationalisation Unit, Rovira I Virgili University</i> <p>The session will highlight a broader context of university collaboration with a special emphasis on overcoming formal, legal and communication barriers resulting from different cultural, historical and political systems.</p>

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	<p>2) Funding Schemes for the Europe-China Relations in Research and Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• European expert: Sara ALBINO, International Relations Coordinator, University of Lisbon• Chinese expert: Min XU, Associate Dean, School of International Education, Shanghai Jiaotong University• Moderator: Jean-Pierre ROOSE, Brussels Representative, Compostela Group <p>New public or private programmes were set up to fund joint Europe-China activities in research, academic mobility, study programmes and cultural exchanges. An overview of available sources of funding from both the European, Chinese but also regional funds will be presented: Chinese People-to-People Initiative, Confucius Institute, Erasmus Mundus, 7th Framework Programme and other.</p> <p>3) Quality Aspect in Higher Education Collaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• European expert: Maria BOQUERA, International Relations & Mobility Office, Polytechnic University of Valencia• Chinese expert: Xiaohong TONG, International Relations & Mobility Office, Vrije Universiteit Brussel• Moderator: Dimitrios M. REKKAS, Member of the Committee for International Relations and European Educational Programmes, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens <p>Quality is of primary importance for high level institutions in both regions, particularly in the areas such as research, doctoral education or academic mobility. The session will address various approaches to ensure mutually acceptable standards in the selection of students, the application of the intellectual property rights or the recognition of study abroad periods.</p> <p>4) Strategies of Developing Excellent Partnership between European and Chinese Universities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• European expert: Stephen WALLIS, Director of International Relations Office, University of Kent• Chinese expert: Zhou ZE, Vice-President, Erasmus Mundus Student and Alumni Association• Moderator: Luciano SASO, Deputy Rector for International Mobility, Sapienza University of Rome and member of the UNICA Steering Committee <p>Successful collaboration between partners in higher education requires trust, transparency and confidence that are usually built over time. However, the dynamics of the contacts between Europe and China call for greater efficiency and flexibility to achieve common goals in research and education. The session will point to useful tools or approaches that can lead to building credibility between partners.</p>
15.30 – 15.50	Coffee break
15.50 – 16.15	Wrap-up and question session
16.15 – 16.30	<p>Concluding remarks: Jean-Pierre DE GREVE, Vice-Rector for International Relations, Vrije Universiteit Brussel and member of the UNICA Steering Committee</p>