

Strategies for Successful Europe-China Collaboration in Research and Education

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PROGRAMME

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09.30 – 10.00	Registration - Coffee
10.00 – 10.40	Opening speeches: Prof. dr. Maurits Van Rooijen , Compostela Group President European Parliament representative Chinese representative <i>Chair: Prof. John Tuppen, Santander Group President</i>
10.40 – 11.00	China's funding policies for academic mobility schemes Mr. Jianmin Li , Education Counsellor at China Mission to EU
11.00 – 11.20	Implications and challenges in Europe-China relations in higher education Prof.dr. 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	Presentation of case studies from Network's university members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sapienza University of Rome • Vrije Universiteit Brussel – Prof. dr. Jan Cornelis, Researcher at BICCS • Ghent University - Isabelle De Coen, Coordinator of China Platform • University of Kent – Mr. 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: Dr. Jeanne Boden • Chinese expert: Prof. dr. Zhu Chang, Vrije Universiteit Brussel • <i>Moderator: Wioletta Wegorowska, Santander Group</i> <p>The session will highlight a broader context of higher education collaboration with special emphasis on overcoming formal, legal and communication barriers resulting from different cultural, historical and political systems in the regions.</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: Ms. Sara Albino, University of Lisbon• Chinese expert: TBC• <i>Moderator: Jean-Pierre Roose, Compostela Group</i> <p>Along with a mutual interest between the regions new public or private programmes were set up to fund joint 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. To name a few examples the 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: TBC• Chinese expert: Ms. Xiaohong Tong, Vrije Universiteit Brussel• <i>Moderator : TBC</i> <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. 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 will be tackled during the discussions.</p> <p>4) Strategies of developing excellent partnership between European and Chinese universities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• European expert: : Mr. Stephen Wallis, University of Kent• Chinese expert: Zhou Ze, EMA Vice-president• <i>Moderator : Chair: Isabelle De Coen, Ghent University</i> <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	Closure, conclusions

*Registration for this event is free of charge