



The EU-China Urbanisation Partnership

The EU-China Urbanisation Partnership, launched by President Barroso and Premier Li in May 2012 offers a framework for concerted actions between European and Chinese cities, such as projects designed to assist Chinese mayors when facing urbanisation and sustainable development challenges.

In this framework, it was decided to hold every year an EU-China Urbanisation Forum that convene stakeholders and leaders, in order to exchange on major changes and achievements in sustainable urban development.

At the last EU-China Urbanisation Forum that was held in Beijing on 21 November 2013, 12 European and Chinese cities signed cooperation agreements on urban sustainable development, under the high patronage of Premier Li, President Barroso and President Van Rompuy.

The first twelve agreements to pave the way to a concrete and successful cooperation between the EU and China on sustainable urbanisation are the following:

Shenzhen	Amsterdam, Holland	Shenzhen International Low-Carbon City
Shenyang	Le Havre, France	Sino-EU Cooperation of Investment and Trade
Xi'an	Chartres, France	Xi'an Qujiang-Chartres Comprehensive Development of Cultural Exploration
Guangzhou	Bristol, UK	Guangzhou International Innovation City
Chengdu	Bonn, Germany	Cooperation on Boon-Chengdu Low-carbon sustainable development
Changsha	Sweden Embassy in China	Changsha-Sweden Cooperation in Planning & Construction of Ecological City
Tianjin (Hexi District)	Climate KIC	Neo-Meijiang Project, South Jiefang Road

Changzhou	Essen, North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany	Sino-German Innovation Park
Weifang	Freising in Bavaria, Germany	Industrial Cooperation between Weifang and Freising in Bavaria of Germany
Weihai	Ghent, Belgium	Sino-EU Industrial Cooperation Demonstration Zone,
Luoyang	Turin, Italy	Turin Polytechnic University-Luoyang: China-Italy Research Institute
Haiyan County	Sonderborg City, Denmark	Nordic (Denmark) Industrial Park

The European Commission Directorate General on Energy is strongly supporting these cooperation agreements and is committed to help European partners in achieving concrete and successful results.

The European Commission is hoping that these pioneer agreements will pave the way to future and numerous cooperation projects between the EU and China.