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**Framework for China Europe Water Innovation cooperation:
Take-home messages from the DragonStar initiative**

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**Dragon Star as part of the
chain to better connect
Europe - China R&I:**

Dec 2008 – Nov 2011 BILAT-SILK

... - AccessChina4EU

Oct 2012 - Sep 2015 Dragon Star

Jan 2015 - Feb 2018 Dragon Star+

Jan 2017 - Dec 2020 ERICENA – ENRICH



Common interests Europe – China

(Policy Dialogue)



E.g. Experts' Workshop on Innovative Solutions for Sustainable Urban Development

29-30 November 2016




Aims of the Workshop

- Bring together European and Chinese stakeholders from **policy, research and industry**
- Exchange **best practices** on ongoing joint activities
- Discuss and identify **future EU-China priorities and actions for cooperation** in the field of sustainable and innovative urbanisation

Predefined Thematic Areas

- 1. Innovative solutions for sustainable water management in urban areas**
- 2. Climate services for sustainable and resilient cities**
- 3. Nature-based solutions for greener, resource and energy efficient, climate-neutral, healthier, sustainable and resilient cities**
- 4. Transition towards sustainable and liveable urban futures**

Format

- Two days
 - Opening session followed by parallel thematic sessions
 - Each thematic session with chair and a rapporteur
 - Conclusions presented in plenary closing session
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Outputs

The outputs of the workshop is a set of ***recommendations on common challenges***, priority areas, expected gains from cooperation in order to design future EU-China actions on research and innovation cooperation in sustainable urbanisation.



Take-home messages

(Work Programmes 2018-20 and FP-9-HorizonEurope)

Project elements towards solutions	EU - Europe	China
System	Diversity; about to be united	One united China
Stakeholders	Individuals / Interest Groups (Democracy)	Authorities
Goals / Objectives	Vision? Mission – social coherence	Vision – become the no. 1 Mission?
Implementation	Process Managed*	Agile / Lean*
Impact	Negotiation Engineering Techniques*	
Ethics	Wealth (Peace)	
Risk & Contingency	SMEs (versus) Huge firms with market dominance, etc.	
Topics / Sectors	Multiple and complex: learn about the need	

*Need to constantly bridging gaps and methodological knowledge: Professional **Science Diplomats, Research & Innovation Managers**. Define and standardise policy dialogue and joint strategic agendas

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