OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR EU-CHINA CLIMATE COOPERATION

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EU-CN PRESENTATION

- 40 years of EU-China diplomatic ties
- EU-China Comprehensive Strategic Strategic Partnership since 2013
- Structural dialogues
  - High Level Economic and Trade Dialogue
  - High Level Strategic Dialogue EU-China
  - High Level People-to-People Dialogue
- New EU China Strategy currently debated
EU is China's biggest trading partner
- trade volume over €1 billion a day (7.4 billion CNY)

Next steps:
- China-EU Investment Agreement
- Juncker plan: High potential for Chinese investors
- EU-China Connectivity Platform - China's "One Belt One Road" initiative
EU-CHINA CLIMATE COOPERATION

- Successful cooperation in UN Climate negotiations COP 21 in Paris
- EU-China Energy Roadmap
- Cooperation on Emission Trading Scheme
- EU-China Urbanisation Partnership
- EU-China Innovation Cooperation Dialogue
HOW DO CHINA AND THE EU COOPERATE TO FIGHT #CLIMATECHANGE?

Promoting energy efficiency, conservation and renewable energy

Establishing carbon markets and expanding EU-China emission trading capacity

Carrying out joint climate-related research

Developing cost-effective low-carbon economies

Dialogue and cooperation on domestic migration

Developing and deploying technologies and adaptation solutions

Today China and the EU announced a new €10 million project on emissions trading to be implemented during three years.

"The world's second largest economy will be using emissions trading to reach its Paris pledge - and not in the distant future, but next year. With more than a decade of experience with the EU emissions trading system, the EU is well placed to support China. Cooperation between the two largest emissions trading systems in the world will send a strong signal to other countries as they prepare to implement their Paris commitments."

- Miguel Arias Cañete, European Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy.
Figure 4. Renewable Power Capacities* in World, EU-28, BRICS and Top Seven Countries, End-2015

* Not including hydropower (see Reference Table R2 for data including hydropower).

The five BRICS countries are Brazil, the Russian Federation, India, China and South Africa.
EU-China Energy Roadmap adopted:

- Enhancing mutual trust in energy cooperation;
- Improve trade and investment conditions in the energy sector;
- Transforming energy systems towards sustainable development and energy and climate resilient investment;
- Foster trade and investment in renewable energy, expanding the bio-gas sector, promote smart grids;
- Exchange of ideas and experiences on nuclear safety;
- Develop energy standards in consumer goods, increase business cooperation in eco-design.
CLOSER COOPERATION ON CIRCULAR ECONOMY AND GREEN DESIGN

• manufacturing less resource-intensive, longer lasting products
• improving re-use of resources like water or durable materials
• huge potentials for cooperation on eco-standard for products and green technology development
EU-CHINA COOPERATION ON EMISSION TRADING SYSTEM
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- knowledge transfer and exchange of experience
- attempt to make Chinese system and rules compatible with EU ETS
- EU financial support
- June 2016: announcing €10 Mio EU funding for 3-year project aiming at linking EU and Chinese system
- September 2016: Chinese Delegation visit to Brussels
- November 2016: EU Parliamentarian Delegation to China
EU-CHINA GREEN CITY COOPERATION

EU-China Urbanisation Partnership:

• launched in May 2012

• framework for concerted actions between European and Chinese cities

• projects designed to assist Chinese mayors when facing urbanisation and sustainable development challenges

Examples for cooperation:

• Guangzhou-Bristol partnership on Guangzhou International Innovation City

• Bonn-Chengdu Low-carbon sustainable development

• Changzhou-Essen Sino-German Innovation Park
EU-CHINA CLIMATE COOPERATION

Opportunities

Challenges
WHAT ARE OUR FUTURE TASKS?

- Clear legal framework for business opportunities
- Ensure mutual commitments
- Strengthen EU-China cooperation
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!