

Participating Organisations in 2013

BothENDS (Netherlands) and Green Watershed (Yunnan) focus on the effectiveness of Green Credit policies and how they might be improved. They aim at providing civil society organisations in China and Europe with an understanding of the different policies' implications for their development project monitoring.

The Grüne Liga (Germany) and the Yunnan Environmental Development Institute (Yunnan) both focus on water policies. Through the exchange they were able to foster a better understanding and application of holistic and sustainable solutions in the context on safe water utilization and protection.

The Rights Practice (UK) and The Public Interest and Development Law Institute PIDLI (Hubei) reached a better understanding of operations and practical functioning of the others' NPO as well as concrete operations of the criminal justice system in the others' area. The exchange was also used to train the participants in legal and cultural matters.

Berlin Massive (Germany) and CHEE Productions (Guangdong) jointly explored structures and opportunities of working in the field of cultural youth education, culture and intercultural work in their respective area.

Chickenshed (UK) and Hunan Aimier (Hunan) focus on inclusive theatre. The participants improved their cooperation in providing inclusive theatre workshops in China and worked on train-the-trainer programmes.

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Workshop and Forum

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The **EU - China NGO Twinning** is an exchange programme for the staff of European and Chinese non-governmental or non-profit organisations and think tanks.



The future of our world will largely depend on how the relations between Europe and China are carved out. We consider it fundamental to involve civil society in these important issues.

In the context of this project, European and Chinese NGOs working on similar thematic focuses are paired up as “twinning-partners”. Exchange fellows recruited from the staff of these organisations are given the opportunity to do a work-and-study stage for 4-8 weeks with their partner organisations in the respective other region.

With this programme the Stiftung Asienhaus, supported by the Robert Bosch Stiftung aims at establishing sustainable learning partnerships and cooperation between NGOs from both regions.

www.eu-china-twinning.org

Agenda

- 10:00 - 11:00 **Welcome and Introduction - EU-China NGO Exchange and Cooperation**
- Dr. Nora Sausmikát, *Stiftung Asienhaus*
- 11:00 - 12:00 **Common Issues and Working Areas of Civil Society in Europe and China**
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- 12:00 - 13:00 **Lunch Break**
- Presentation of Twinning Exchange Projects 2013/2014**
- 13:00 - 13:40 **Green Credit Advocacy**
- Pieter Jansen, *BothENDS/NL*
- 13:40 - 14:20 **Urban Youth Culture and Intercultural Work**
- Akim Walta, *Berlin Massive/DE*
- 14:20 - 14:45 **Coffee Break**
- 14:45 - 15:25 **Sustainable Water Supply / Water Policy**
- Michael Bender, *Grüne Liga/DE*
- 15:25 - 16:05 **Inclusive Theatre in Europe and China**
- Dave Carey, *Chickenshed/UK*
- 15:50 - 17:00 **Joint Reflection on EU-China Exchange, Forum for Q&A and Discussion**

Programme

During this event the European exchange fellows of this year's first round of NGO Twinning will introduce their organisations' work and reflect on the impact of the exchange with their Chinese partner NGO.

In addition the workshop will give organisations who are interested in participating in the upcoming round of NGO Twinning the opportunity to obtain first-hand information on the details of the exchange programme. Both the organizers of the programme as well as the alumni will be available for questions and answers.

Travel

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Siegesstraße 5,
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Directions:

From Cologne Central Station: “S-Bahn” train S 11 or S6 to Köln- Deutz station

From Cologne-Bonn airport: “S-Bahn” train S13 to Köln Deutz station

Exit Köln Deutz station towards Ottoplatz, walk across the traffic lights on Ottoplatz, then turn right and follow the footpath (signposted) to the left into Siegesstraße right next to the youth hostel.