

Workshop on EU-China NGO Twinning

Tackling common issues: Chinese and European NGOs working on bank monitoring, zero-waste, agriculture, chemical safety, climate change, and NGO-training

October 22nd 2014, 9:00 am to 5:30 pm

Location: Brot für die Welt – Evangelischer Entwicklungsdienst, Caroline-Michaelis-Str.1, 10115 Berlin, Room Christian Berg 0.K.06 <http://www.brot-fuer-die-welt.de/anfahrt.html>

During this workshop the Chinese and European participants of this year's second round of NGO Twinning exchange will introduce their organizations and common work focus. They will also present the results of their cooperation and reflect on the impact of the exchanges.

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| 9:00 am to 9:20 am | Meeting registration |
| 9:20 am to 09:40 am | Welcome notes Nora Sausmikat, Stiftung Asienhaus (10 min) Citizens participation and advocacy work in China and Europe Bettina von Reden, Brot für die Welt (5 min) N.N., Robert Bosch Stiftung (5 min) |
| 09:40 am to 10:05 am | Alumni reports from 2013 EU-China NGO Twinning Pieter Jansen (BothENDS, NL) & Chen Yu (Green Watershed, Kunming) Michael Bender (Grüne Liga, DE) Akim Walta (Berlin Massive, DE) Dave Carey (Chickenshed, UK) |
| 10:05 am to 10:45 am | Topic of Exchange: Chemical safety and industrial pollution Arnika Association, Czech Republic & The Nature University Fund, Beijing (30 min, discussion 10 min) |
| 10:45 am to 11:00 am | Tea break |
| 11:00 am to 11:40 pm | Topic of exchange: Small-scale farming Save-Our-Seeds, Germany & Pesticide Eco-Alternatives Center, Yunnan Province (30 min, discussion 10 min) |
| 11:40 am to 12:20 pm | Topic of exchange: Participatory Guarantee Systems International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM), Germany & Beijing Farmers' Market, Beijing (30 min, discussion 10 min) |
| 12:20 pm to 1:30 pm | Lunch break |
| 1:30 pm to 2:10 pm | Topic of exchange: Waste management issues Let's Do It, Estonia & Wuhu Ecology Center, Anhui Province |
| 2:10 to 2:50 pm | Topic of Exchange: Monitoring environmental and social impacts of Chinese banks' investments in Europe CEE Bankwatch, Czech Republic & Global Environmental Institute, Beijing (30 min, discussion 10 min) |
| 2:50 pm to 3:10 pm | Tea break |
| 3:10 pm to 3:50 pm | Topic of exchange: Emission trading schemes / carbon markets Sandbag, UK & Center for Legal Assistance to Pollution Victims (CLAPV), Beijing (30 min, discussion 10 min) |
| 3:50 pm to 4:30 pm | Topic of exchange: Social innovation and Pro Bono model Pro Bono Lab, France & Beijing Huizeren Volunteering Development Center (30 min, discussion 10 min) |
| 4:30 pm -5:30 pm | Concluding panel: Short discussion on possibilities for NGOs in gaining a voice in EU-China partnership structures Pieter Jansen (BothENDS) N.N. Kadi Kenk (Let's Do It) |
| 5:30pm | Depart for dinner |

A workshop organized by Stiftung Asienhaus, supported by the Robert Bosch Stiftung and Brot für die Welt

Background Information on the Exchange Program

The relationship between China and Europe/the EU is at the center of current debates on the new world order, and the impact of European-Chinese relations on global social and ecological developments has been growing considerably.

At the same time the number of overlapping citizens' concerns and working topics of NGOs from both regions are on the rise – from climate change issues and environmental protection to sustainable production, food security, and social justice. In the past years, multifaceted collaborations between European and Chinese institutions in the political, economic and cultural field have advanced, but cooperation between civil societies of both regions is still in its infancy.

In order to fill the gap in this important area of social development in 2013 the Stiftung Asienhaus supported by the Robert Bosch Stiftung launched the NGO exchange program "EU-China NGO Twinning". In the context of this project, European and Chinese NGOs working on similar thematic focuses are being paired up as "Twinning-partners". Exchange fellows recruited from the staff of these organizations are given the opportunity to do a work-and-study stage for 4-8 weeks in their partner organization in the respective other region. The exchange aims at establishing sustainable partnerships, knowledge-sharing and mutual understanding between non-governmental or non-profit organizations and think tanks from both regions.

On October 22nd the 7 Chinese and 7 European exchange fellows of this year's second round of NGO Twinning will introduce their organizations and common work focus. They will also present the results of their cooperation and reflect on the impact of exchanges.

For more information please visit our website eu-china-twinning.org

2014 Twinners:

Global Environmental Institute (Beijing) and the CEE Bankwatch Network (Czech Republic) are focusing on environmental and social risk assessment methodologies that are applied by European banks and wish to cooperate on researching Chinese investment in European countries.

Nature University Fund (Beijing) and Arnika Association (Czech Republic) aim to realize a joint project under the International POPs Elimination Network (IPEN) to improve capacities of ENGOs in their involvement in policy making, establish advocacy actions, and generate new data for a better implementation of local and national chemical safety policies.

Pesticide Eco-Alternatives Center (Kunming) and Save-our-Seeds (Germany) will exchange on pesticide issue, eco-agriculture and biosafety/GMO.

Wuhu Ecology Center (Wuhu) and Let's Do it Foundation (Estonia) are both focused on waste management, including community activities to promote Clean-Up Events, „zero waste“ strategies, waste prevention, reuse and recycling.

Beijing Farmers Market (Beijing) and International Federation of Organic Agriculture (Germany) will focus on Participatory Guarantee Systems (PGS). They certify producers based on active participation of stakeholders and are built on a foundation of trust, social networks and knowledge exchange.

Center for Legal Assistance to Pollution Victims (Beijing) and Sandbag Climate Campaign (UK) will collaborate on a detailed analysis of how the trial carbon markets will work in China, looking at available trading data and bringing together media and analysis on the topic.

Beijing Huizeren (Beijing) and Pro Bono Lab (France) will focus on capacity building for NGOs. In applying Probono services, they will increase their capabilities, as well as drive social innovation and solve social issues.