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**Selection committee
decided for 14 new
Twinners for 2016**

Topics of exchange

Press release

2016 EU-China NGO Twinning: Selection of 14 NGOs

Cologne – The German foundation Stiftung Asienhaus selected seven European NGOs and their corresponding Chinese partners for the EU-China NGO Twinning Exchange 2016. The yearly program started first in 2012 and its goal is the development of joint cooperation between European and Chinese NGOs. Since its inauguration, we received applications from 12 European countries.

The exchange lasts four to eight weeks respectively. The exchange period for European participants to China is from July 15th to September 15th 2016, for Chinese participants to Europe it is from October 10th to December 10th 2016. The twinners will have the opportunity to acquire their partner organization's knowledge as well as their methodology and thereby improve their own capacities.

Starting from 2015, the "EU-China NGO Twinning Program" will comprise the Stiftung Asienhaus "EU-China NGO Twinning Program", which is funded by Robert Bosch Stiftung, and Stiftung Mercator's "China-EU NGO Exchange Program on Climate Change and Low Carbon Development".

Specific activities during the program include preparatory seminars to ensure the smooth running of the program as well as capacity building workshops in the respective regions.

The selection committee decided on the following seven twinners in the thematic area "Environmental and Social Justice":

- **Balkan Kids Foundation (Bulgaria) & Lingnan Partner Community Support Centre (Guangzhou)**
Exchange Topic: Sexual education and technology addiction prevention for marginalized youth
- **Association Justice and Environment (Czech Republic) & Center for Legal Assistance to Pollution Victims (Beijing)**
Exchange Topic: Environmental Public Litigation System (EPIL System) in the EU and China
- **Collaboration Centre on Sustainable Consumption and Production (Germany) & P8 (Changsha)**
Exchange Topic: Sharing economy and exchange on co-housing
- **Wuppertal Institut für Klima, Umwelt und Energie (Germany) & BlueSky4Children (Shanghai)**
Exchange Topic: Circular economy
- **Bund Heimat und Umwelt (Germany) & Friends of the Old Villages (Shenzhen, Zhejiang)**
Exchange Topic: Preservation of rural landscapes and old architecture, social innovation
- **Netwerk Bewust Verbruiken (Belgium) & Green Woodpecker Association (Beijing)**
Exchange Topic: Improve sustainability of goods and green swap spaces in communities
- **Deutsche Umwelt Hilfe (Germany) & China Biodiversity Conservation and Green Development Foundation (Beijing)**
Exchange Topic: Environmental legal aids, environmental litigation

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