

## China and Europe: How to collaborate on climate change, social and environmental justice

Date: 02.11.2016 Time: 09:00 – 16:00

Location: Haus der Deutschen Stiftungen, Mauerstr. 93, Berlin, Germany

Date: 03.11.2016 Time: 09:00 – 16:15

Location: Mercator Repräsentanz, Neue Promenade 6, Berlin Germany

### Content:

Participation has become one of 2016's trend words. Civil society involvement in all areas from urbanization processes, to trade agreements, environmental litigation to sustainable living, all topics covered by the participating speakers in the EU-China NGO Twinning Program Workshop.

How do civil society organizations campaign in Europe, how can it be compared to campaigning in China's restricted media landscape? What did the new law that allows environmental NGOs in China to sue polluters really change during the last year? What can German and European EIL NGOs learn from Chinese cases?

We will receive insights on various ideas for sustainable lifestyle campaigns like circular economy models in China and Europe as well as new laws for low carbon solutions.

The speakers and participants in our workshop are experts in diverse areas, and have been working for non-governmental organizations in many European countries and Chinese provinces. Their collaborative efforts in these fields are the focus of our workshop along with the development of the European and Chinese civil society landscape.

### Target Audience:

- NGO staff/associations dealing with climate change, environmental protection and litigation, youth education, sustainable living, sharing communities and landscape preservation.
- Academics working in the field of civil society, sustainable development, international NGO relations and China studies

Language: English

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Entrance free of charge

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Moderator: Ludwig Weitz (Vis!on)

Wednesday, November 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	
08:30 – 9:00	<b>Meeting Registration</b>
09:00 – 9:45	<b>Welcome Notes – Room: Forum Robert Bosch</b> Nora Sausmikat, Stiftung Asienhaus N.N., Mercator
09:45 – 10:15	<b>EU Legislation and TTIP Negotiations</b> Nelly Grotefendt, Forum Umwelt und Entwicklung (FUE)
10:10 – 10:45	<b>Citizen Participation - Referendum Biking Infrastructure Berlin</b> Denis Petri, Volksentscheid Fahrrad
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 11:30	<b>Anti-Coal Campaigning on a European Level</b> Elena Bixel, Climate Action Network Europe (CAN E)
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch
13:30 – 16:00	<b>World Café with Experts and Twinning Alumni</b> <b>Topics of discussion: Renewable Energy, Water Policy, Environmental Health, Social Care, Agriculture</b>
18:30	Dinner (location tbc)

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Location: Stiftung Mercator, Neue Promenade 6, 10178 Berlin, Germany

Thursday, November 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2016	
09:15 – 09:45	<b>Introduction of the EU-China NGO Twinning Program</b> Nora Sausmikat, Stiftung Asienhaus Huang Haoming, China Association for NGO Cooperation (CANGO) Clemens Spieß, Robert Bosch Stiftung
09:45 – 10:15	<b>EU-China NGO Twinning Program: Follow Up Projects and Alumni Note</b> Louisa Kistemaker, a tip tap e.V. Michael Bender, Grüne Liga
10:15 – 11:15	<b>Twinning Participant Experience Sharing on the Topic of International Transport Emission Reduction</b> GUO Hongyu, Greenovation Hub Andrew Murphy, Transport & Environment  <b>Twinning Participant Experience Sharing on the Topic of Low Carbon Research and Practices</b> HOU Yuanqing, China Green Carbon Foundation Roland Joebstl, European Environmental Bureau  <b>20 min discussion</b>
11:15 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 12:30	<b>Twinning Participant Experience Sharing on the Topic of Rural and Cultural Landscape Preservation</b> LIU Jiaqi, Friends of Old Villages Florence Nick, Bund Heimat und Umwelt  <b>Twinning Participant Experience Sharing on the Topic of Youth and Sexual Education</b> YAO Zhi Lu, Lingnan Partner Community Support Centre Antoaneta POPHLEBAROVA, Balkan Kids Foundation  <b>20 min discussion</b>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch

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14:00 – 15:00	<p><b>Room 1</b>  <b>Twinning Participant Experience Sharing on the Topic of Green Swap Spaces</b>          CAO Xiaojing, Institute for Sustainable Environment and Energy          Laura DeJaeger, Netwerk Bewust Verbruiken</p> <p><b>Twinning Participant Experience Sharing on the Topic of Waste Management and Circular Economy</b>          WEI Wei, Roots &amp; Shoots Chengdu Office          Zanda Skuja, Green Liberty</p> <p><b>20 min discussion</b></p>	<p><b>Room 2</b>  <b>Twinning Participant Experience Sharing on the Topic of Sustainable Consumption</b>          ZHANG Lingling, BlueSky4Children          Susanne Fischer, Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy</p> <p><b>Twinning Participant Experience Sharing on the Topic of Sharing Communities</b>          YANG Deng, Collaboration Centre on Sustainable Consumption and Production          SHENG Bo, P8</p> <p><b>20 min discussion</b></p>
15:00 – 16:00	<p><b>Room 1</b>  <b>Twinning Participant Experience Sharing on the Topic of Environmental Litigation</b>          CHEN Zhen, China Biodiversity Conservation and Green Development Foundation          Peter Feldkamp, Deutsche Umwelthilfe e.V.</p> <p><b>Twinning Participant Experience Sharing on the Topic of Environmental Litigation</b>          ZENG Yaping, Centre for Legal Assistance to Pollution Victims (CLAPV)          Alba Iranzo, Instituto Internacional de Derecho y Medio Ambiente (IIDMA)</p> <p><b>20 min discussion</b></p>	<p><b>Room 2</b>  <b>Twinning Participant Experience Sharing on the Topic of Local Climate Policies and Low Carbon Urban Development</b>          MENG Deliang, Environment Education Promotion Centre (EEPC)          Firmian v. Peez, North-South-Forum</p> <p><b>Twinning Participant Experience Sharing on the Topic of Low Carbon Developments</b>          WANG Yuan, Friends of Nature          Luis MOREIRA, Quercus</p> <p><b>20 min discussion</b></p>
16:00 – 16:15	<b>Conclusive Notes</b>	
18:00	Dinner (location tbc)	

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## General Information on the EU-China NGO Twinning

The EU-China NGO Twinning program is an exchange program for the staff of European and Chinese NGOs. It aims at establishing sustainable partnerships and cooperation between non-governmental or non-profit organizations and think tanks from both regions.

### “Twinning” Exchange – building partnerships through personal encounter

In the context of the EU-China NGO Twinning program, 14 European and Chinese NGOs working on similar thematic focuses will be paired up as “twinning-partners”. Each year, 7 exchange fellows working for European NGOs and 7 fellows from Chinese NGOs are given the opportunity to work and study for 4-8 weeks in their partner organization in the respective other region.

The program foresees that each twinning-partnership designs a joint project for concrete collaboration. The personal encounter of the NGO staff will lay the basis for future joint projects and stable partnerships between the two twinning partner organizations.

### Mutual understanding, capacity building and long-term cooperation

China is becoming more and more important for working areas of European NGOs, but they often lack access to information and know-how on engagement in the Chinese society. The mutual exchange of staff will enable the missing information on Chinese developments to channel directly into important multiplier organizations in Europe.

At the same time, Chinese NGOs will get important insights into the working methods of European NGOs. This professionalization and internationalization will enable more Chinese NGOs and grassroots activists to participate in international debates and to develop a joint vision for a better future.

Mutual exchange, joint work on a common topic and experiencing working and civil society conditions in the respective other region will help to facilitate long-term cooperation between the twinning partner organizations.

## Speaker Inputs

### EU Legislation and TTIP Negotiations - Nelly Grotefendt, Forum Umwelt und Entwicklung (FUE)

An introduction into the inner workings of EU legislative organizations and processes by Nelly Grotefendt, Department of International Trade Policy, Press and Public Relation of the German Forum Umwelt und Entwicklung. The focus of this input is on the various ways in which TTIP and CETA policy negotiations are influenced by and have an impact on the European member states as well as the effect they might have on EU-China relations.

### Citizen Participation - Referendum Biking Infrastructure Berlin - Denis Petri, Volksentscheid Fahrrad Berlin

Citizen Participation, especially in urbanization processes has become a one of the main topics of 2016. Denis Petri from the Volksentscheid Fahrrad Initiative, Berlin is well versed in localized participation campaigns and government –citizen negotiations. His experience in the initiative which seeks a referendum on financing an improvement in the biking infrastructure of Berlin will give the audience an in depth look into citizen participation.

### Anti-Coal Campaigning on a European Level - Elena Bixel, Climate Action Network Europe

Coal has been an important topic in Germany, Europe as a whole but also in China. Along with the growing importance of international collaborations on fighting climate change, coal campaigns have gained a lot of media attention. How such campaigns are organized on an EU level will be the focus of Elena Bixel’s talk.

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