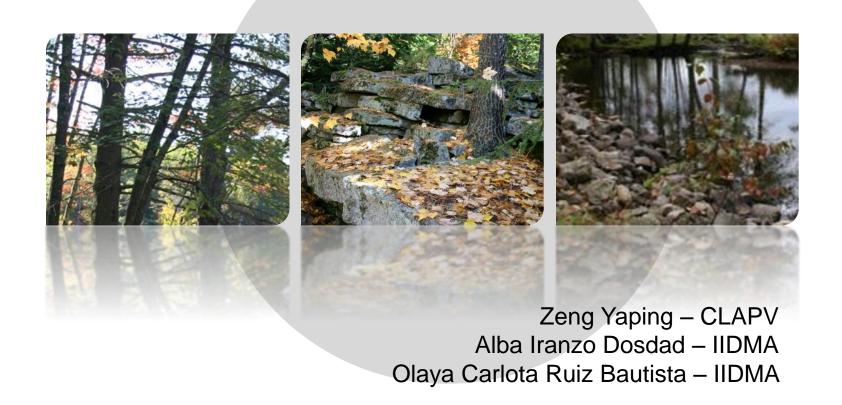
Role of NGOs in Environmental Public Interest Litigation in China and Europe





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Public interest

"The welfare or well-being of the general public."





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The Center for Legal Assistance to Pollution Victims (CLAPV), based in Beijing, China is a legal-aid office, training center, and one of the most effective environmental groups in China which offers legal advice to pollution victims.



The Instituto Internacional de Derecho y Medio Ambiente – International Institute for Law and the Environment (IIDMA), based in Madrid, Spain is a non-profit organization registered in Spain to contribute to environmental protection and to promote sustainable development through the study, development and effective implementation of environmental law.

Why use Law?



- Environmental damage.
- Insufficient environmental rights.
- Limits to environmental justice.

What was the objective of the twinning?



Understand the **role** and main challenges faced by NGOs in Environmental Public Interest Litigation(EPIL) in China and Europe.





NGOs do not have the same opportunities to claim environmental justice







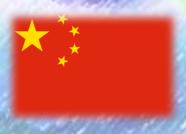


Limitations on NGOs standing requirements on access to justice

Standing requirement or *locus standi*, is capacity of a party to file a lawsuit before court.



Aarhus Convention (2005)



Environmental Protection Law (2015)



Legally registered for 2 years



Legally registered for 5 CONSECUTIVE years

High costs on access to justice



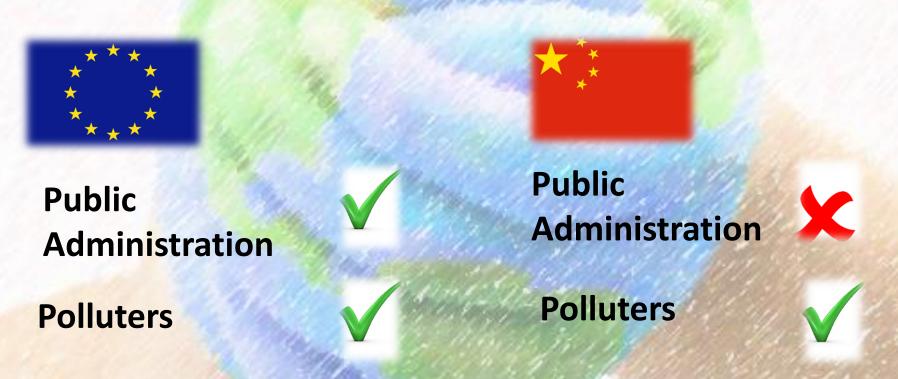
Possibility of free access to justice



Only about 30
NGOs out of 700
have economic
capacity

Who is the defendant?

The person who is brought before Courts for having been responsible for an environmental damage.





GOAL



Promote cooperation between China and EU

Create a network



FIRST STEPS

Elaborate a report to share how EPIL can be strengthened in both systems

"没有规矩,不成方圆。"

"NO RULES, NO ORDER"





THANK YOU!!

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