

Change Partnership and South-North Institute for Sustainable Development (SNISD)

Report on 2017 EU-China NGO Twinning Program

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Change Partnership and the SNISD shared focus and expertise on clean energy, climate change and low-carbon technologies were employed to analyze the impacts, challenges and opportunities in the implementation of the Belt and Road Initiative(BRI). The two Twinner also shared insights on how lobbying and advocacy processes work in China and at EU level.

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Introduction

The objective of the exchange period in China was to interview NGO staff, researchers, private sector and government specialists and get their insights on the challenges that are arising from the implementation of the BRI.

Activities

Location in China	Activities and Tasks	Dates
Beijing	Preparing the interviews	4 Sep.-8 Sept.
	Interviews with relevant stakeholders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - China Carbon Forum: Peter Edwards and Huw Slater - Greenpeace: Lauren Huleatt, Cheng Qian and LauriMyllyvirta - Shanghai Institutes for International Studies: Cao Jiahan - Dr. Zhou Lei, President of the Chinese Built Environment Experts - Zhang Jianping, Director of the Department of International Economic Cooperation at the Institute for International Economic Research of NDRC Conference: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Green Finance and Credible Sustainable Standards (ISEAL) 	11 Sep.-26 Sept.
	Discuss the findings of the interviews	27 Sep.- 29 Sept.



Attending: Green Finance and Credible Sustainable Standards conference



Interviewing Professor Zhang Jianping, Director of the Department of International Economic Cooperation at the Institute for International Economic Research of NDRC



Visiting Wild Duck Wetland Park

Outcome and Impact

To date (December 2017): An article published by StiftungAsienhaus and ChinaDialogue on the climate and energy challenges associated with the Belt and Road Initiative.

In the near future: a research policy paper (30-40 pages) on the Climate and Energy challenges associated with the implementation of the Belt and Road Initiative, as well as policy recommendations for the EU institutions on how to positively engage with China to build a joint carbon leadership and deliver the Paris Agreement.

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01/06/2017 - 30/07/2017

Introduction

The objective of the exchange period in Europe was to share expertise on the EU institutions functions and decision making process as well as conducting research on the EU-China relationship. Particularly, during the Brussels phase of the exchange period we focus on the EU perceptions regarding the Belt and Road Initiative and on how to shape a shared vision on the BRI.

Activities

Location in Europe	Activities and Tasks	Dates
Brussels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction on the work of Change Partnership - How the EU Institutions operate - Framing and lobbying skills 	5 June - 9 June
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work in office on the structure and objectives of the policy paper - Prepare the presentation for the C20 event - Workshop in Hamburg - C20 	12 June - 19 June
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research work for the policy paper - Meeting with Maurizio Cellini (DG TRADE) 	20 June.-30 July

Outcome and Impact

Increased understanding of the EU institutions and decision making process.

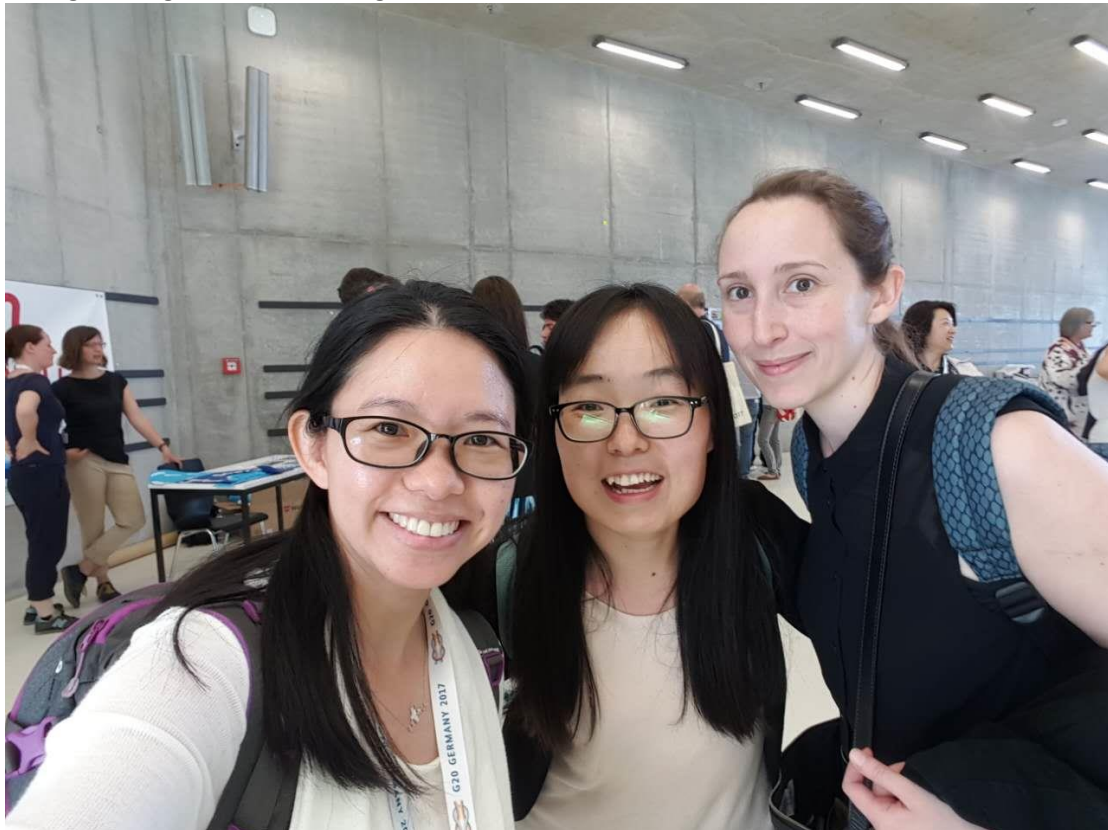
Public speaking at a relevant international fora like the C20.

Interactions with high level EU stakeholders.

Cooperation with a Brussels-based think tank.



Taking Bus together for Meeting



Attending C20



Having a Happy and Meaningful Workshop



Presentation at the C20



Visiting Public Gallery



Learning European NGO's Operation

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