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Call for application

Background and aims of the program

The political, economic and cultural relations between Europe and China have been growing substantially over the last few years. We consider it very important to involve civil society in this process of providing solutions for global issues.

To develop sustainable partnerships and cooperation between non-governmental or non-profit organizations and think tanks from Europe and China the Stiftung Asienhaus in cooperation with CAN Europe and the China Association for NGO Cooperation (CANGO) and China Climate Action Network organizes the EU-China NGO Twinning exchange program. The program is supported by the Robert Bosch Stiftung and Stiftung Mercator.

This program gives European and Chinese NGO staff the opportunity to work and study in a Chinese or European organization for 4 to 8 weeks.

The program comprises two thematic areas for cooperation:

Environmental and social justice

This part of the program will accept 14 (seven European and seven Chinese) participants representing organizations from all thematic areas dealing with environmental protection like air pollution, waste management, sustainable agriculture, water protection, green infrastructure, resource management and environmental education as well as social justice topics like gender, labor, health education, and others (for examples of issue areas of past exchange participants please view: <http://www.eu-china-twinning.org/twinning-and-alumni/>).

Climate Change & Low-carbon Development

This program branch will accept 10 (five European and five Chinese) participants representing organizations focusing on climate change and low-carbon development. Examples of issue areas associated with the climate change theme: renewable energy, energy efficiency, national/international climate policy, fossil fuels, climate change adaptation, carbon pricing and the emissions trading scheme and low-carbon urban development (for examples of issue areas of past exchange participants please view: <http://www.eu-china-twinning.org/twinning-and-alumni/>).

Exchange structure

- The program is designed as a staff exchange, i.e. **two organizations** working on similar thematic issues exchange a member of their staff. Participants will be able to **work part time for their own organization** during the exchange period if necessary.
- The length of the exchange period can be decided by the organizations individually. The minimum period is 4 weeks, the maximum period 8 weeks.

- The **exchange cost** will be covered by a scholarship. It includes international return flight, visa, basic travel insurance and workshop participation as well as a living allowance for accommodation, local transport and daily expenses. The living allowance is 40 EUR per day; the total amount disbursed to each participant is calculated according to the number of days he or she spends abroad as part of the exchange.

Please make yourself familiar with the provisions for financial support and reimbursement procedures before submitting your application:

<http://www.eu-china-twinning.org/application-guide/faq/>

Timeline

- Middle of June to Middle of August 2019: Exchange period for European participants in Chinese partner organizations for a period of 4 - 8 weeks
- August 2019: 3-day thematic workshop in China
- September to October 2019: Exchange period for Chinese participants in European partner organizations for a period of 4 - 8 weeks
- October 2019: 3-day thematic workshop in Europe.

The specific dates will be communicated during the travel planning period immediately after the 2019 participants are confirmed.

*Please note: **Participation in both workshops is mandatory.*** Applying participants should therefore make sure they are available during the time period stated above.

The participants will be provided with

- Exchange preparation.
- Thematic trainings/capacity building seminars on topics relevant for their work, e.g. political and societal backgrounds of and civil society development in the respective region.

Requirements:

Participating organizations should:

- be able to provide an English-speaking and interactive working environment or contact person with English language skills,
- be able to provide a desk, a PC and a telephone and a contact person who can support the exchange fellow,
- help with the travel preparation (visa application) and help finding accommodation.
- Please note: Each participating organization is asked to contribute a participation fee of 100 EUR or the equivalent in RMB. This is to ensure commitment to the program and to facilitate any unexpected activities that are not foreseen in the budget. This fee should be submitted within two weeks of confirming participation in the program.
- Chinese organizations need to be officially registered. And provide this registration alongside their application.

Participants should:

- be able to communicate at work in English,
- have at least 2 years of working experience, ideally in the NGO sector,
- be available for both workshop events as stated in the timeline.

How to apply

General Provisions

Please fill in your application at: <http://www.eu-china-twinning.org/how-to-apply/>
(a pdf version is also available on this page)

Deadline for single applications: 14th of April, for **joint applications:** 28th of April 2019.

Please read the 'Frequently Asked Questions' before submitting your application
(<http://www.eu-china-twinning.org/application-guide/faq/>)

Single or Joint Application?

Applications should ideally be submitted jointly by one European and one Chinese organization including a jointly developed proposal for a topic/project for the exchange. Joint applications will be preferred to single applications.

Joint application: After having read all necessary information you can fill in the application form here:

<http://www.eu-china-twinning.org/application-forms/2019-joint-application-form/>

Application without partner organization: If you would like to apply and do not yet have an exchange partner organization in the respective other region we can assist in finding a suitable twinning organization. In this case, please fill in the form for single application/request for twinning partner search: <http://www.eu-china-twinning.org/application-forms/2019-single-application-for-eu-china-twinning-program/>

The organizers will then provide you with contact details of suitable partner organizations. You will be asked to contact them and jointly work out and submit a joint application.

After this year, the program will enter a design-thinking process, therefore it is the last opportunity to take part in the EU-China NGO Twinning Program in its original form.