



Project EAST: Final conference
Draft agenda
Brussels, the 3rd and the 4th of December 2014

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China-Europa Dialogue
Facing Climate Change: Rethinking Our Global Development Model
Conference
Paris, the 2nd and the 5th of December 2014

Conference

**“European and Asian Sustainable Towns:
What are the models of sustainable urban development?”
Brussels, BE, the 3rd and the 4th of December 2014.**

Co-organisations:

- China Europa Forum
- ENTP The European New towns And Pilot Cities Platform
- The project EAST: Euro-Asian Sustainable Towns, co-financed by the European Commission
- Urban Sociology Institute, Tongji University, Shanghai
- Urban Planning Institute, Tongji University, Shanghai
- JunZeJun Law Offices (Guangzhou)
- The Government of Brussels-Capital Region – « Bruxelles Environnement »

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1. Context:

The **China Europa Forum** and the **European New Towns and Pilot Cities Platform (ENTP)** decided to join synergy by co-organising together in Brussels the conference titled « **European and Asian Sustainable Towns: What are the models of sustainable urban development?** ».

This conference including the final conference of the EAST project¹ will be organized in the framework of the “**Conference on sustainable development facing climate change**”² organised by the **China Europa Forum** in Paris during the first week of December with 12 “decentralized” thematic workshops held in different cities in Europe including Brussels for two days.

2. Objectives:

- To share experiences and point of view, drawing lessons from sustainable urban development practice
- To find a sustainable strategy for the EAST project
- To demonstrate the Brussels pilots projects to participants, and promoting cooperation of sustainable urban projects between EU-China Cities;
- To make the conclusion of discussion of the workshop, and contribute to the "Common Text" that China Europa Forum will present to the COP20 in Lima in 2014 and to the COP 21 in Paris in 2015.

3. Topics of workshop:

3.1 Sustainable urban development and planning (for instance)

- Environmental pressures and challenges in the city
- Green urban development and resource management
- Public participation and people-oriented urban planning

¹ *The aim of the EAST project is an integrated urban approach to foster the sustainable development of local authorities, metropolises and satellite cities in Europe and Asia. The objectives are to improve the capacities of local teams and promote networks as well as knowledge exchange. A comparative study has been built on the features and experience of towns, identifying good and bad practices and obstacles that those local authorities are experiencing today in the implementation of sustainable policies. It also analysed local contexts to cope with the difference in scale. By organizing studies, seminars and panels of experts, the project contributed actively to building a solid network of experts and allows people involved in urban planning to share their views and ideas.*

The EAST project gathers partners from Europe (ENTP – European New Towns and Pilot Cities Platform, Basildon Borough Council, and Les Ateliers), India (Naya Raipur Development Authority and the EuroIndia Centre) and China (Baoshan and Qingpu districts). The project is co-financed by the European Union (Thematic Programme “Non-state actors and local authorities in development”) for a duration of 4 years, from 2011 to 2014. More information: <http://www.east-project.org>.

² *Initiated by the China-Europa Forum (CEF), the “Facing Climate Change, Rethinking our Global Development Model” 2014 China-Europa Dialogue and the Fourth Plenary of the China-Europa Forum (“the 2014 Paris Conference on Climate Change”) will be co-organised with the Society of Entrepreneurs and Ecology (SEE) Foundation with support from a number of NGOs, research institutes, enterprises and media partners. The conference will be held in Paris early December 2014, gathering more than 300 delegates from Chinese and European societies in order to rethink our current global development model through dialogue and exchanges of views on 12 themes.*





3.2 Urban infrastructure and services (for instance)

- The transition to sustainable and low-carbon cities: green energy, low-carbon buildings, green transport, etc.
- Smart cities, urban public transport and mobility management
- Urban Community Planning
- Industrial Park cycling transformation

3.3 Action and cooperation facing climate change (for instance)

- EU-China and India Urban cooperation
- “Common Text” proposals

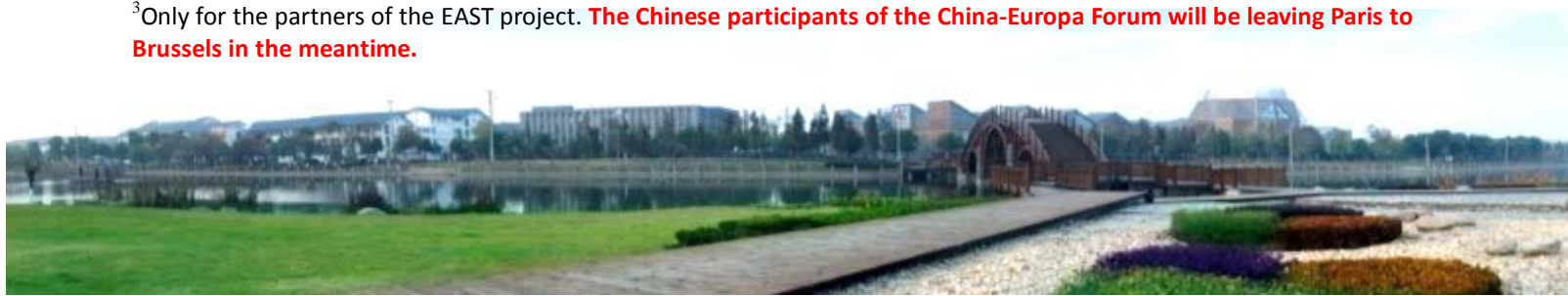
4. Workshop Format

December 3: Morning: EAST project meeting³

VENUE: Sheraton Hotel, Place Rogier 3, 1210 Brussels

09.00 – 09.30	Arrival and registration
09.30 – 9.50	Welcome speech (video) by Clr. Tony Durcan , ENTP President; Cabinet Member of Harlow Council, UK; Welcome speech by Mr Wei Ruixing , Deputy Director General; Foreign Affairs Office of Shanghai, China
9.50 – 10.10	Introductions of the EAST project, presentation of the publication; outcomes of the latest panels: Ms Pascaline Gaborit , ENTP Director
10:10 – 10:30	Coffee break
10.30 – 12.15	Short Presentation of projects’ outcomes from the project partners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Basildon Council</i>: Mr Bala Mahendran, Chief Executive, Basildon Council, UK; • <i>Qingpu District</i>: Mr Hu Yanping, Chairman of the Standing Committee of Qingpu District People's Congress, China; • <i>Baoshan District</i>: Mr Liu Jianzhong, Deputy Director General, Shanghai Baoshan District Development and Reform Commission, China • <i>“Les Ateliers - international workshops of planning and urban design”</i>, Ms Florence Bognoux, Architect <p>Dialogue and questions/answers</p>
12:30 – 13:45	Lunch

³Only for the partners of the EAST project. **The Chinese participants of the China-Europa Forum will be leaving Paris to Brussels in the meantime.**





December 3 afternoon: Study visit to projects of exemplary buildings (passive houses and renovated buildings) in Brussels by IBGE (Brussels Institute for Environment) and guided tour to renovated neighbourhood

12:30	Lunch
13:45	Departure from Sheraton Hotel by bus to the first visit project
14:15	Presentation of district contracts by the municipality of Forest
15:00	Visit of the Batex Fierlant passive Construction (apartments and a community centre) with restoration of a socio-cultural house (listed building) with development of green space management and rainwater management. The use of public space and the integration with the existing building have been points of attention during the project design.
15:45	Departure for the second project's visit
16:15	Visit of Batex Hoppa: Construction of a very low energy centre for people with multiple disabilities, and with comprehensive management of rainwater in a green residential area
17:15	End of visit
17:45	Back to Sheraton Hotel - Place Rogier 3, 1210 Brussels





December 4:

Conference
“European and Asian Sustainable Towns:
What are the models of sustainable urban development?”

**Venue: Economic & Social Committee, Building Trèves,
 Rue de Trèves 74 1040 Brussels**

8.30 - 9.00	Welcome coffee
9.00 – 10.00	<p>OPENING SESSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome address of Mr Peter Clever, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee, member of the EU-China Contact group, Member of the EU-China Round Table - Ms JIANG Xiaoyan, Spokesperson, Press Counselor of Mission of PRC to EU - EU-China and EU-India urban dialogue: Mr Pedro Ballesteros Torres, Manager EU-China Urbanisation Partnership, DG Energy of the European Commission - Welcome address Mr Bala Mahendran, Basildon Council, UK / EAST project - China Europa Forum, represented by Mr Julien Woessner, Program manager of the Charles Léopold Mayer Foundation for Human Progress; <p>Transition word/Moderation by Ms Pascaline Gaborit, Director of ENTP,</p>
10.00 – 13.00	<p>SESSION I: Sustainable Urban Development and planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Environmental pressures and challenges in the city - Green urban development and resource management - Public participation and people-oriented urban planning <p>Moderated by Pascaline Gaborit and Jeffrey Raven</p>





10.00 -11.15	<p><u>Presentations by:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Urban sustainable development: Zhang Renbiao , Sociologist, Tongji University, China; - The Brussels Sustainable City Strategy: Nicolas Hemeleers, City Tools, Brussels, BE; <p><u>Dialogue / roundtable discussion with:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yogesh Agashe, Architect, India and evaluator of EAST project; - Liu Xiaoqing , Urban Planning Institute, Tongji University, Shanghai; - Christian SAUBLENS, director EURADA - European Association of Development Agencies; - Wang Yajuan, Deputy Director of the "Urban Planning Magazine" <p>Questions and answers</p>
11:15 – 11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.30 – 12.30	<p><u>Presentations by:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joy Oommen, former Chairman of NRDA, India; - Harry den Hartog, Urban Designer at Urban Language, Shanghai, China ; - Galgoczi Bela, European Trade Union Institute <p><u>Dialogue / roundtable discussion with:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maximilian Rech, Programme Director & Assistant Professor in International Affairs, ESSCA School of Management - Shanghai - Fu Jing, Journalist of China Daily, Brussels Office; - Yan Yibing, Deputy Secretary-General, Changbaishan Mountain Nature Reserve
12.30 – 13.00	<i>Questions & answers</i>
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 16.00	<p>SESSION II: Urban infrastructure and services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The transition to sustainable and low-carbon cities: green energy, low-carbon buildings, green transport, etc. - Smart cities, urban public transport and mobility management - Urban Community Planning - Industrial Park cycling transformation <p>Moderated by Isabelle Milbert and Zhang Renbiao</p>





14.00 – 15.30	<p><u>Presentations by:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pan Haixiao, Transport expert, Tongji University, China; - Jeffrey Raven, Director of the Master of Architecture in Urban and Regional Design and Associate Professor, New York Institute of Technology (NYIT-Manhattan), US; - Yan Jun, JunZeJun Law Offices (Guangzhou) <p><u>Dialogue /roundtable discussion with:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jeanet van Antwerpen, Partner Urban Strategy at Inbo, the Netherlands; - Xiao Jianli, College of Architecture and Urban Planning , Tongji University ; - Zhang Jian, Deputy Township Mayor, Luodian, China
15:30 – 16.00	<i>Questions & answers</i>
16.00 – 16.15	Coffee break
16.15 – 18.00	<p>SESSION III: Action and cooperation facing climate change</p> <p>Part A: Milestones and capitalization of the EAST project 30’</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation by Yogesh Agashe, Architect, India - Roundtable <p>Part B : EU-China and EU-India Urban dialogue + “Common Text” proposals 45’</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Roundtable <p>Moderated by Edoardo Guglielmetti and Pan Haixiao</p> <p><u>Roundtables with:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pedro Ballesteros Torres, Manager EU-China Urbanisation Partnership, DG Energy of the European Commission ; - Guido Broekhoven, Regional Manager, China – Africa Trade Initiative, WWF European Policy Office (tbc) - Jiang Jiamin, Vice Director, and Shen Jun, Officer, Office of Development and Construction Management Committee of Lake Dian Shan New Town, China; - Julien Woessner, Program manager of the Charles Léopold Mayer Foundation for Human Progress (FPH), France / Switzerland ; - Yan Jun, JunZeJun Law Offices, Guangzhou, China; - Zhang Renbiao , sociologist, Tongji University, China; - ENTP team and Basildon Borough Council
18:00 – 18.30	<p>Wrap up by the moderators</p> <p>Conclusions by the rapporteurs</p>





5. Rapporteurs of the workshop:

- European Moderator: ENTP
- Chinese Moderators: Zhang Renbiao, Pan Haixiao

The rapporteurs will draft the conclusions of the workshop within 4 weeks and can present the conclusions in Paris (tbc).

6. List of participants: EAST partners, Chinese and European urban experts, officials, entrepreneurs, representatives of civil society, journalists

7. Accommodation of the group:

The group will be accommodated at: Sheraton Hotel, Place Rogier 3, 1210 Brussels

