



EU-China Partnership for Sustainable Urbanisation

The EU-China Mayors Charter

WE AGREE THAT:

- Urbanisation is one of the most relevant axes of economic growth and social development. It represents worldwide opportunities and challenges;
- We are firmly committed to building low-carbon eco-cities and promoting sustainable development. We recognise that urban-rural planning, resource-efficient strategies, distributed energy systems, adequate local infrastructures and services, and appropriate local governance schemes are necessary conditions to achieve our respective long-term socio-economic goals and harmonious development;
- The priorities established in China's urbanisation strategy and the EU's urban sustainable development models are closely related; additionally the size and scope of the urbanisation challenge in China provides opportunities to match comparative advantages and achieve win-win cooperation between both parties;
- Citizens from China and the EU can only benefit from a close cooperation among their respective local and regional governments who need to lead by action and example, while implementing China's 12th Five-Year Plan and Europe 2020 Strategy respectively;
- We reaffirm our commitment to work together in order to achieve the objectives of the Joint Declaration on the EU-China Partnership on Urbanisation signed in Brussels on 3rd May 2012;
- The action plans being implemented by cities in both sides provide evidence of local capacity to contribute in a meaningful and responsible way to the overall endeavour of China and the EU towards sustainable urbanisation;
- The complex and cross-sector nature of the urbanisation challenges calls for cooperative and shared efforts by all relevant stakeholders

WE COMMIT TO:

- Share our experience and know-how, in particular to
 - Develop and implement strategies and policies aiming to improve urban governance and public services' systems, based on new planning, management and governance models leading to greater urban innovation and competitiveness, improved urban governance and more efficient public service systems;
 - Contribute to the sustainable development of urban industrial economy through joint activities, exchange of best practices and technological solutions and the development of smart cities and communities;
 - Facilitate and support local and regional events co-organised by local authorities and other stakeholders to involve and regularly inform industry, the civil society and other interested parties on urbanisation developments;
 - Attract investment and financing institutions and actors in our territories to further promote urban-rural development and sustain public-private partnerships;
 - Define and implement urban energy supply and demand management strategies;

- Identify and develop urban mobility, public transport and smart transport plans;
 - Develop urban housing supply systems and patterns, so as to further promote green buildings;
 - Protect urban historical and cultural features and develop appropriate urban landscape;
- Organise joint debates, vocational training and information campaigns with relevant stakeholders on specific urbanisation development issues of common interest;
- Take full advantage of the existing electronic platforms to release updated information on joint projects and activities.

WE ENDORSE

- The determination of both the EU and Chinese leaders and their intention to facilitating the exchange of experience and inter-action between cities in our territories;
- The China Association of Mayors and the EU Covenant of Mayors' efforts to fuel communication between cities and city groupings, providing for city-to-city partnerships and mutual beneficial cooperation;
- The support of the EU Committee of the Regions and the European Economic and Social Committee and their leading role in the EU in promoting multi-level governance models as well as the involvement of the civil society, respectively.

WE CALL ON TO SUPPORT THE MAYORS' FORUM BY FACILITATING NETWORKING AND DISSEMINATION TASKS AND ENSURING REGULAR COORDINATION.

WE ENCOURAGE OTHER LOCAL, REGIONAL AND PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES TO ADHERE TO THIS CHARTER, AND OTHER MAJOR STAKEHOLDERS, AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CIVIL SOCIETY TO JOIN THESE EFFORTS AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE OBJECTIVES OF THE EU-CHINA PARTNERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE URBANISATION.

Done in Brussels on 20 September 2012

China Association of Mayors

EU Covenant of Mayors

[Handwritten signatures and names in Chinese and English, including names like Li Shi, Wang, and Paul Conway]