

# A Discovery Dialogue on Climate Policy and Practice

Green Sessions “From Policy to Practice”

About EU-China Cooperation on Climate Action and Green-Circular Economy”



Partner Event of EU Green Week 2017

Brussels Roundtable Dialogue, 13:00-17:30, 31. 05. 2017. #Green\_Sess

Location: EU Infopoint, Rue Archimède 1 (1<sup>st</sup> floor), 1000 Brussels, Belgium



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After the COP21 Agreement in Paris and COP22 in Marrakesh, global climate actions are at crossroads. Various global regions face simultaneously acute challenges, incl. climate, safety, economy, environment (energy, water, marine, forests, bio diversity, air, soil, food), migration, youth etc. There is an urgent need for effective dialogues to improve solution communication between the players and implementation practical actions on the ground.

Initiated by a number of highlevel professionals, the Green Sessions “From Policy to Practice” are designed as open, pragmatic and interactive workshops to accelerate understanding of gaps and synergies between **Policy** and **Practice** with multiple actors, also called “The Breakout Events”, to foster understanding of related global and inter-regional **Policy** for

climate action, green-circular economies. They shall also discover **Practice** methods and local policies through Reality Cases from various places, regions and territories, which work in the daily economy. These include Investment-Business Models, Technology and Market Chains, Smart Urban-Rural Development, Nature-Heritage solutions etc. to inspire policy tools and upscale green-circular economic models of many Local Places around the World. Presentations and outcome about Policy and Practice of the Green Sessions will be collected, summarized and made available to the public for use in the daily life, as common practice knowledge source to “recycle data and foster understanding” and help climate-environmental actions around the world in a “simultaneous open growth”.

In the preparing process, the initiative consulted with the Commission for Environment, Climate change and Energy (ENVE) of the European Committee of Regions and other EU institutions, as well as officials from Chinese government and United Nations organisations.



### The first Green Session: "About EU-China Cooperation on Climate Action and Green-Circular Economy"



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As Partner Event of EU Green Week 2017 in Brussels, taking place shortly before the EU-China high level dialogue on various topics including climate cooperation, the first Green Session brings together a wide range of actors on 31 May 2017 in the European quarter of Brussels, the EU capital. The half-day dialogue aims at a discovery discussion on aspects of global climate mandates and platforms and related EU-China approaches and instruments.

Cities and rural areas are always in the frontier of policy challenges and actions. Besides the Global / European Covenant of Mayors and International Urban Cooperation, local and regional practices with real-life cases from EU and China shall be highlighted. Taking some big cities as example, EU metropolis like Paris, Copenhagen and Brussels established car-free city centers and urban circular management systems with vigorous policy plans. While Chengdu developed its pioneering greenhouse gas inventory and low-carbon action plan in China, Shanghai's "renaturing plans" of Huangpu Riverside public spaces in recent years compares well with Nature-based Solutions in European cities and regions.

EU and Chinese governments are actively expanding social-economic-cultural interactions and

increasing bilateral and international knowledge sharing. Their recently inaugurated joint efforts on carbon emission accountability shall attract more societal and economic exchanges on climate actions and green finance. Along the way, new models of public-private partnerships could trigger area livability, enhance scope and structure of "bankable" sustainable project initiatives.

The distinguished speakers and panelists come from UN Environment, European Commission DG Clima, European Parliament, EU Committee of Regions, European Investment Bank, College of Europe, Sichuan University, European Banking Federation, Brussels-Capital Region (an e.g. local government), Clean Air Asia network and Natureherit, the main initiator of Green Sessions and a sustainable planning practitioner.

### Program:

12:30-13:00	<b>Registration</b>
13:00-13:15	<b>Welcome remarks:</b> Representative of Infopoint of European Commission Mr. Duncan Freeman, Research Fellow, EU-China Research Centre - EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College of Europe
13:15-13:35	<b>Key note I:</b> Mr. Ulf Björnholm, Head of UN Environment Brussels Office
13:35-14:30	<b>From Policy:</b> EU-China policies over Climate Action, Green and Circular Economy Mr. Claus Kondrup, Acting Head of Adaptation Unit, DG Clima, European Commission Prof. Ya Tang, Department of Environment, Sichuan University, Chengdu, China [via web] Ms. Kata Tutto, Ambassador for the Covenant of Mayors, EU Committee of Regions Ms. Lu Fu, China Director of Clean Air Asia, Beijing, China [via web]
14:30-15:20	<b>To Practice:</b> Selected EU and Chinese living showcases in climate action, green-circular economy Mr. Filip Vandeputte, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, European Investment Bank Mr. Daniel Verheyden, International Bilateral Relations (EU-Asia), Brussels-Capital Region, Belgium
15:20-15:35	<b>Break</b>
15:35-15:50	<b>Key note II:</b> MEP Jo Leinen, Member of European Parliament, Chair for the relations with China, Member of Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
15:50-16:25	<b>Roundtable discussion:</b> About EU-China Cooperation on Climate Actions & Green-Circular Economy
	Moderator: Mr. Raymond Frenken, Head of Communication, European Banking Federation Panelists: Mr. Claus Kondrup, DG Clima, European Commission Mr. Filip Vandeputte, European Investment Bank Ms. Kata Tutto, EU Committee of Regions Mr. Daniel Verheyden, Brussels-Capital Region, Belgium
16:25-16:30	<b>Closing remarks:</b> Ms. Xiaoying Liu, Natureherit Design & Consult
16:30-17:30	<b>Networking</b>

**To register, please RSVP before 30 May 2017 to [xylu@natureherit.com] or Twitter [#Green\_Sess]. Please text your organization, name, title and interest. Due to the limited number of seats available, attendance can only with confirmation email & personal ID.**

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Featuring Speakers:



UN Environment Brussels Office

European Commission, DG Clima

European Parliament

European Investment Bank

EU Committee of Regions

EU-China Research Centre - EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College of Europe

Sichuan University

Brussels-Capital Region

Clean Air Asia network

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