



**HIGH LEVEL SEMINAR ON RIVER BASIN  
INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT IN CHINA  
6 – 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2017, BEIJING**

China has shown strong leadership in the field of environment and has set ambitious goals to address the resources bottle-neck, joining the leader countries on mitigation and adaptation to climate change. In the process, China developed numerous bilateral cooperation projects with European countries and multilateral cooperation with the European Union. Water resources decrease in quantity and quality is among the most pressing issues in China and has thus been the focus of several of these projects, covering different aspects of water resources management.

Organized by the International Office for Water (France) with the financial support of the European Union Partnership Instrument (PI) to the China Europe Water Platform (CEWP), this high-level seminar is a political momentum aimed at fostering the river basin management as an integrated solution for water issues. It subscribes to the reinforcement of exchanges between China and the European-Union Member States, in the same vein as the France-China Culture Dialogue and Economy and Finance Dialogue of November 2017 and previous to the visit of the French President E. Macron in 2018.

Political interventions from Chinese, European, French, Finish and Portuguese high level representatives will provide an overview of the water resources management context and its main evolutions, as the River chief System or the creation of regulatory agencies in charge of natural resources as mentioned by President Xi during his speech at the 19th National Congress.

Experience feedback from cooperation projects followed by participative discussions with the 7 River Basin Commissions and other relevant Chinese actors, will highlight the strategic developments on river basin governance, water pollution control and water environment protection and restoration.

The outcomes of the day will be guiding ideas for the continuation of the cooperation projects stemmed from a deepened understanding between European and Chinese actors, from decision-makers to the technicians and academics concretizing the projects on the field.

The workshop will take place at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Beijing 北京希尔顿逸林酒店, 168 Guang An Men Wai Avenue, Xi Cheng District, Beijing 100055, China 中国 北京市西城区广安门外大街 168 号 邮编 : 100055 Beijing.DoubleTree.com | DoubleTree.com.cn/Beijing. Simultaneous translation into Chinese, English and French will be available.

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Date	Time	Activities	Speaker	Chairman
5 Dec	All day long	Arrival of participants in Beijing		Mr. Serge Lepeltier, France's former climate ambassador and former Minister of Ecology and Sustainable Development, higher representative of France
	8:30 9:00	Arrival and registration of participants		
	9:00 9:20	Welcome speech from Chinese and UE partners : the EU/China cooperation in the water sector	Mr. Liu Zheguang, Director General of Department of International Cooperation, Science and Technology of Ministry of Water Resources of China 10' Mr. Chris Wood, Deputy Ambassador of EU Delegation in Beijing 10'	
	9:20 9:30	Introductory Speech from France	Mr. Jean-Maurice Ripert, French Ambassador in China 5' Mr. Serge Lepeltier, France's former climate ambassador and former Minister of Ecology and Sustainable Development, higher representative of France 5'	
	9.30 9.35	Review of the day's agenda	Mr. Eric Tardieu, General Director of International Office for Water	
	9:35 10:55	Water resources management context in China and EU member States: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evolution of the context of water resources management in China / 13th five-year plan and new ways of improvement</li> <li>The water governance system and stakeholders participation (France)</li> <li>Prevention and control of water pollution (Finland)</li> <li>Ecological restoration and protection of water resources (Portugal)</li> </ul>	Mr. Liu Zheguang, Director General of Department of International Cooperation, Science and Technology of Ministry of Water Resources of China 20' Mr. Marc Collet, General engineer of the French Seine-Normandy Basin 20' Mr. Antton Keto, Ministerial Adviser of Finnish Ministry of Environment 20' Mr. Pedro Liberato, Director of Department of International Relation of Portuguese Ministry of Environment 20'	
	10:55 11:10	Coffee/Tea break and group picture		
	11:10 11:50	Pilot project on participatory development of river basin management plans in Hai river Basin, Luan river – How to implement EU tools in the Chinese context?	Mr. LinChao, Director of Division of Science, Technology and Foreign Affairs at Hai River Basin Conservation Commission 20' Mr. Eric Tardieu, General Director of International Office for Water 20'	
	11:50 12:00	Conclusion of the morning	Mr. Serge Lepeltier, France's former climate ambassador and former Minister of Ecology and Sustainable Development, higher representative of France 5'	
	12:00 13:30	Lunch break		
6 Dec	13:30 15:30	The EU-PI and Chinese experience on: <i>River basin governance and management</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>France on implementation of River Basin Management Plan</li> <li>Estonia on a water information system IT tool</li> <li>Yellow River Conservancy Commission</li> </ul> <i>Water pollution control</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finland on developing tools to follow-up water quality</li> <li>Taihu Basin Authority</li> </ul> <i>Water environment protection and restoration</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Portugal on restoration, ecosystem services and biodiversity</li> <li>Changjiang Water Resources Commission</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>France: Mr. Eric Tardieu, General Director at International Office for Water 17'</li> <li>Estonia : Mr Raili Kärmas, advisor at the Ministry of the Environment of Estonia 17'</li> <li>Higher representatives of the <b>Yellow River Conservancy Commission</b> 17'</li> <li>Finland: Mr. Turo Hjerppe, Coordinator at the Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE) 17'</li> <li>Higher representative from the <b>Taihu Basin Authority</b> 17'</li> <li>Mrs. Ana Mendes, Project officer at the University of Evora 17'</li> <li>Higher representative from <b>Changjiang Water Resources Commission</b> 17'</li> </ul>	Mr. LinChao, Director of Division of Science, Technology and Foreign Affairs at Hai River Basin Conservation Commission
	15:30 15:45	Coffee/Tea Break		
	15:45 16:45	Spreading good practices and innovations: 1. Situation in other river basins and regions in China; 2. Implementation of river chief system in China and how it improves water management; 3. Implementation of Water Framework Directives of EU, including successful experience and lessons learned	<b>Roundtable: Participative discussion of all the audience.</b>  Animation by Mr. Eric Tardieu, General Director at International Office for Water	Mr. Eric Tardieu, General Director at International Office for Water
	16:45 17:00	Summarize of discussion - Restitution of the outcomes by thematic - Closing speech by Chinese and European partners	Mr. Liu Zheguang, Director General of Department of International Cooperation, Science and Technology of Ministry of Water Resources of China 7' Mr. Serge Lepeltier, France's former climate ambassador and former Minister of Ecology and Sustainable Development, higher representative of France 7'	
	17:00	End of working day		
7 Dec	Study visit (to be confirmed): 1. Yongding river regulation project 2. South-to-North water diversion project (Tuancheng Lake) 南水北调工程 (团城湖)			