

Minutes of the Joint Steering Committee 11th Meeting
April 24, 2019, 9.30 - 12.30
Budapest, Hungary

Item 1: Opening of the Meeting, Co-chairs

Mr. KAATRA welcomed all participants and colleagues from EU Member States and P.R. China to the 11th Meeting of the Joint Steering Committee and introduced the Agenda of the Meeting.

Mr. GE welcomed all participants and thanked Hungary for the preparations of the meeting. Mr. GE recalled that EU Commission and MWR had their first water policy dialogue and that Minister E Jingping and Commissioner Karmenu Vella made important speeches and the meeting endorsed the work of CEWP. The main outcomes from the meeting were to deepen the cooperation within joint research, innovation and business activities.

Item 2: Introduction of Participants

The Chairs introduced the participants. List of Participants is attached (Attachment 1).

Item 3: Approval of the Minutes of the JSC Meeting, Qingdao, China, June 27, 2018

Mr. GE explained that the draft Minutes have been send in advance together with other meeting documents. He recalled that the most important agenda items in the Qingdao meeting were the Terms of Reference for the JSC and Focus Areas and the Secretariat and the Rules of Procedure for the JSC.

There were no comments to the Minutes and the Meeting approved the Minutes.

Item 4 & 5: Report of CEWP Activities by Secretariats and Focus Areas

- Mr. Seppo Rekolainen introduced the activities of 2018 and planned activities for 2019 of CEWP Secretariat (Attachment 2). Ms. Sun Yan complemented that CEWP has worked already 6 years and great success has been achieved. The Chinese Secretariat wants to work more with Chinese websites, research cooperation and business cooperation.
- Focus Areas and Business activities gave their reports on their activities 2018-2019



- a) River Basin Management and Ecological Security, Ms. Josiane Mongellaz, International Office for Water, France and NN, China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research (Attachment 3)
- b) Rural Water and Food Security, Mr. Bjorn Jensen, Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland, Denmark and NN, China (Attachment 4)
- c) Water and Urbanization, Mr. Gerard de Vries, Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment-Rijkswaterstaat, The Netherlands and Ms. Xie Yingxia, China Academy of Urban Planning and Design (Attachment 5)
- d) Water and Energy Security, Mr. Frank Shang, Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management, Sweden and NN, Nanjing Hydraulic Research Institute, China (Attachment 6)
- e) Report of the Business activities was given by Mr. Olli Hakala, ELY Centre, Finland (Attachment 7)

Mr. Seppo Rekolainen made a notion that both EU and China are committed to UN SDG's and they reinforced their commitment in the Turku Declaration (09/2017). All CEWP work is connected to SDG goals, number 6 on water and also many other goals. Mr. Kaatra added that the same goes also for the crosscutting issue of climate change.

Mr. GE was impressed about the amount of work but wanted to point out that the CEWP should put more effort on practical and research cooperation because that is the foundation for all work. Advantage of Horizon Europe and Chinese research funding should be taken in the future.

After the presentations the meeting approved the reports.

Item 6: New EU countries entering the CEWP activities

Estonia presented their plans for participation to CEWP. Their draft idea is about managing and monitoring of shallow lakes, in Estonia Lake Peipsi. The idea would be to facilitate academic exchange and joint training, workshops and other joint activities.

Hungary presented their plans for participation to CEWP. Hungary and China have a bilateral agreement about water issues. They would like to provide experts to the work e.g. on shallow lakes, flood and drought management (forecasting and early warning), groundwater management and climate change management/adaptation.

Mr. GE agreed that both countries joining the platform will help the CEWP and China is very interested to cooperate with both countries in their proposed themes. The meeting approved Estonia and Hungary as active partners in CEWP.

Item 7: Policy Recommendations

France and Portugal gave their presentation and preliminary proposal on Policy recommendations. (Attachment 8)



Mr. GE made a remark that on policy recommendations in China the most important thing is to focus on details. This work is very promising and China is ready to work on this matter. However, there needs to be different ways to make recommendations.

Item 8. Alignment of Research Funding Mechanisms

Portugal and China presented plans for EU and China Water Research alignment. (Attachments 9 and 10)

EU Commission agreed that they will do their best to work along these suggestions.

The Meeting approved the process for alignment of research plans for further discussion during the afternoon workshop.

Item 9: Plans and preparations for the next High-level Meeting in Portugal

Portugal presented plans for the dates, venue, structure, programme and themes for the next CEWP High-Level Policy Dialogue Meeting. (Attachment 11)

Mr. GE commented that the date should be flexible in order to get ministers to the conference. Ecosystem Security could also be an important topic, e.g. for the first day. Both of the proposed venues are suitable for the conference.

After a discussion, the Meeting approved the preliminary plans of the next High-Level Meeting and that the Meeting can be postponed to be held during spring 2020.

Item 10: Other Business

There was no other business or information.

Item 11: End of Meeting

Mr. KAATRA and Mr. GE thanked all delegates and closed the meeting.



**CEWP Joint Steering Committee Meeting
24.4.2019 in Budapest**

European participants

Mr. Kai Kaatra	Finland
Mr. Seppo Rekolainen	Finland
Mr. Olli-Matti Verta	Finland
Ms. Catarina Hedar	Sweden
Mr. Frank Zhang	Sweden
Mr. Tomas Andersson	Sweden
Ms. Jenny Hedman	Sweden
Ms. Ana Mendes	Portugal
Mr. Eric Tardieu	France
Mrs. Josiane Mongellaz	France
Mr. François-Xavier Imbert	France
Mr. Bjørn Jensen	Denmark
Mr. Turo Hjerppe	Finland
Mr. Andreas Tschulik	Austria
Ms. Laura Gornicioiu	EC
Mr. Stéphane Bauguil	EU DEL China
Ms. Johanna Lantto	Finland
Mr. Olli Hakala	Finland
Mr. Kim Madsbjerg	Denmark
Mr. Gerard de Vries	Netherlands
Mr. Paolo Sospiro	Italy
Mr. Antton Keto	Finland
Ms. Mirjam Orvomaa	Finland
Mrs. Diana Carlos	Portugal
Mrs. Catarina Sousa	Portugal
Ms. Reet Ulm	Estonia
Mr. Balazs Heincz	Hungary
Mr. Raoul Mille	France
Ms. Reka Gaul	Hungary
Mr. Peter Kovacs	Hungary
Ms. Ida Nagyne Sos	Hungary
Ms. Kornelia Puncsak	Hungary



Chinese participants

Mr. LI Ge	China
Mr. PENG Jingjun	China
Ms. XU Jing	China
Ms. SUN Yan	China
Mr. DING Liuqian	China
Mr. Baiyinbaoligao	China
Mr. XU Fengran	China
Mr. LIN Jin	China
Mr. WANG Xiaogan	China
Mr. CHEN Duan	China
Mr. WAN Yusheng	China
Mr. SONG Dongfang	China
Mr. LI Jianhua	China
Mr. WANG Fuqiang	China
Ms. WANG Hongxiang	China
Ms. Xie YingXia	China
Mr. Zhou ChangQing	China
Ms. YanLing Jiang	China
Mr. Tang Lei	China
Mr. Zhang ChunYang	China
Mr. Wu Yanjie	China

