



CHINA EUROPE Water Platform

CEWP Session at the margins of the 9th World Water Forum

China-Europe Water Platform – the consolidation of a Partnership between two Regions

The China-Europe Water Platform was created to give continuity to the River Basin Management Program and to consolidate the existing cooperation between these two regions. The Joint Statement establishing the platform was signed during the 2012 WWF edition held in Marseille, profiting from the Forum environment and its spirit of sharing.

Since the beginning, CEWP was designed around three strategic pillars: Policy Dialogue, Research and Innovation and Business Cooperation. To accomplish a coherent program of activities based on these three strategic pillars, four thematic Focus Areas were defined: Water Management and Ecological Security; Rural Water and Food Security; Water and Urbanization; and Water and Energy Security.

Although the Platform is based on the voluntary engagement of each of the members, since 2017, the European Commission has established a support mechanism – the “partnership instrument” – which was designed with four Lots, following the same thematic areas, and adding a fifth Lot, with the mission to coordinate the other Lots’ activity, but also to support the activity of the CEWP Secretariat, and to give room to several other cross-cutting activities, such as climate change, circular economy, SDGs or emerging issues.

Due to the pandemic impacts, the end of PI activities was postponed one year, ending by the end of 2022.

Paying tribute to all the actors involved and their capacities of adapting to the exceptional circumstances and the use of imaginative initiatives, namely by an efficient way of using new technologies of communication, it is possible, at this moment, to present the results achieved in the last two years with the huge effort of every Chinese and European colleagues and promote a short session to demonstrate the effectiveness of the different actions developed.

So, this session will show, in a rapid overview, lessons learnt, and main barriers still needed to be overcome, giving a concrete idea of the accomplishment of the initial proposed PI activities.

Although the final outputs of this project will only be ready to be disseminated by the end of 2022, this session can give an exceptional contribution showing how this partnership, between two of the more influent regions in the World, is operating and consolidating their founder basic principles after ten years.



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Program of the session

Venue: Chinese Pavilion

Date: Wednesday, 23rd of March 2022

16h00 – Opening remarks by DG from Department of International Cooperation, Scientific & Technical, MWR (pre-recorded video)

16h05 – Overview of the CEWP work by the European Secretariat

16h10 - Interactive session between the Secretariat and the LOT coordinators on Lessons Learnt and Challenges

European Secretariat to present each of the Lots partners and specific objectives

And Lot representatives to identify one good lesson and one challenge (2 m for each LOT)

LOT 1 – Water Management and Ecological Security

LOT 2 – Rural Water and Food Security

LOT 3 – Water and Urbanization

LOT 4 – Water and Energy Security

16h26- interactive session between the Secretariat and the horizontal cross-cutting issues coordinators on Lessons Learnt and Challenges

European Secretariat to present each of the cross-cutting themes coordinators and Coordinators to identify one good lesson and one challenge (2 m for each cross-cutting theme coordinator)

– Business Cooperation

– Climate Change

– Circular Economy

– Funding Alignment

16h42 – Next steps on the Policy Dialogue by the European Secretariat

16h45 – CEWP in the overall EU-China Partnership by the European Commission (?)

16h50 – Closing by the Secretary General of the Ministry of Environment and Climate Action of Portugal