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Secretariat

Procedure for EU Member States to enter CEWP

Once a candidate shows interest to join the CEWP the procedure could be the following:

1. A candidate contacts the CEWP European secretariat, the candidate and the Secretariat will negotiate about the following items:
 - a. Does the candidate have support from its competent Ministry (if not being the Ministry itself)
 - b. What is the theme the candidate is interested to cooperate with China, how this theme fits to the overall structure of the thematic content of the CEWP, and may this theme be considered as a new subprogramme or does it rather fit to some existing programme. It is also necessary to discuss what kind of expertise a candidate has in the proposed theme.
 - c. What is the added value of a new subprogramme / contribution to an existing program, and has there been a dialogue with the related CEWP Focus Area about coordination.
 - d. Has the candidate already negotiated with potential Chinese counterparts, and who they are. If not, the CEWP Secretariat may help to find Chinese partners.
 - e. What are the financial and human resources a candidate can invest in the co-operation in short and long term basis.
2. If these initial negotiations shows a positive result, i.e. the new partner can bring a clear additive value to CEWP, the CEWP European Secretariat informs and asks comments from the Chinese Secretariat. The Chinese Secretariat might also have further comments which has to be negotiated with the candidate and might need some changes to the content of the subprogramme or any other arrangement of the cooperation
3. The candidate together with the European secretariat and relevant subprogrammes prepares an implementation plan for the new cooperation, and the Secretariat sends it to existing European CEWP Partners for further comments
4. The Joint Steering Committee makes a formal decision of the new candidate to join in the JSC Meeting and what is their role in the cooperation. The JSC may do this by email as a no-objection procedure.

The possible roles of a new country within CEWP:

- leader of a new subprogramme with relevant Chinese partners and accepted implementation plan
- a partner in some existing subprogramme together with an 'old' member
- an observer, which participate the JSC and High-level meetings, and receives all kind of information of the activities

Relationship between a new country and the ongoing Partnership Instrument project:

- a new country may not become a full partner in the PI
- a new country may, however, participate in all activities organized by the PI and its Lots, with own funding
- if a lead country of any of the Lots of the PI seems it appropriate to cover e.g. travel costs from a new country to participate in a workshop, e.g. inviting the new country as an additional partner

