

The project team will develop and implement the detailed project management structure, to ensure that all deliverables are completed within set deadlines and budget, to resolve promptly any issues or difficulties the project team encounters, and to report to the EC on a regular and accurate basis through delivering regular progress reports.

### 3. Expected impact

The ChinaAccess4EU project is expected to lead to:

- an increased S&T cooperation between Europe and China by identifying access opportunities for European researchers in research programmes managed by China;
- a measurable increase of effective collaborations of European research organisations in Chinese programmes;
- an improvement of mutual understanding of the respective research systems in Europe and China with S&T agreements.

### List of Partners

- **Sociedade Portuguesa de Inovação – SPI – Portugal**
- **European Business & Innovation Centre Network – EBN – Belgium**
- **Université Joseph Fourier – UJF – France**
- **Steinbeis Europa Zentrum, Steinbeis Innovation – SEZ – Germany**
- **China Policy Institute, University of Nottingham – UNOTT – UK**
- **Torch High Technology Industry Development Centre, Ministry of Science & Technology China – TORCH – China**
- **Institute of Policy & Management, Chinese Academy of Science – IPMCAS – China**
- **International Technology Transfer Centre, Tsinghua University – ITTC (COWAY) – China**
- **Zhejiang University – ZJU – China**
- **Hong Kong University of Science & Technology – HKUST – China**
- **EU Project Incubation Centre – EUPIC – China/Europe**



## Supporting the EU access to Chinese research & innovation programmes – ChinaAccess4EU

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## DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

### 1. Background and objectives

Having succeeded in recent decades in establishing itself as ‘the world’s factory’ and one of the biggest recipients of foreign direct investment, China is now becoming a world-leading high-tech country and a rising Research and Development (R&D) power. In the past few years, China has gone from having a very low level of R&D expenditure to becoming in 2006 the second highest R&D expenditure country in the world, after the US. In terms of scientific publication, China is now ranked roughly at the level of UK and Germany, and by 2010 will be second to the US.

The Science & Technology Agreement signed in 1998 has resulted in the Chinese research community becoming increasingly involved in EU Framework Programme activities. In turn, China opened its National High Technology Research and Development Programme (the ‘863’ Programme) and the National Basic Research Programme (the ‘973’ Programme) to its EU counterparts. However, the participation of EU researchers in Chinese research funding programmes is still low. The European Commission’s 2006 communication ‘EU-China: Closer Partners, Growing Responsibilities’ pointed



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out the need to increase EU participation in Chinese programmes. The Joint Declaration from the Science and Technology Forum in May 2005 set the context for taking co-operation forward, based on mutual benefit and reciprocal access and participation. The 10th China-EU Summit held in Beijing on 28 November 2007 expressed the willingness to continue to strengthen S&T cooperation and to encourage programmes assisting the mobility of researchers, in particular facilitating the participation of European researchers in Chinese funded programmes.

The ChinaAccess4EU project has the following general objectives:

- increase the awareness and dissemination in the EU of access opportunities for European researchers and research organisations in Chinese national research and innovation programmes;
- increase S&T cooperation between Europe and China, especially effective collaborations of European researchers and research organisations in Chinese national research and innovation programmes;
- help develop the reciprocity aspect of EU-China S&T agreements and improve EU's understanding of the respective research systems in China.

## 2. Implementation and dissemination activities

### Mapping of the access opportunities in China

Data will be collected from Chinese national agencies and programmes on research and innovation that are open to EU researchers. The mapping process will be ongoing throughout the project, as the project team will set up and constantly update the project website (functioning as the access platform)

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where the information on Chinese funding programmes and latest calls will be made available in a searchable format in English to EU researchers.

### Dissemination of the results to European research organisations and multipliers

Project results will be disseminated through the project website, project brochures, targeted mailing, multiplier events, existing European S&T networks and projects, as well as project workshops in the EU and China with the participation of key stakeholders to help establish interests and contribute to the development of EU-China research partnerships.

### Monitoring of the participation of researchers from the EU in Chinese programmes

The project team will monitor the participation of EU researchers in Chinese programmes through gathering statistics from the Chinese national research and innovation programmes, conducting a bi-annual survey to European researchers and research organizations, and publishing the results in the form of bi-annual newsletters about the latest projects approved in China with EU researchers' participation.

### Provision of feedback and recommendations to the EC

The project team will conduct a survey of the bilateral cooperation agreements and programmes between the EU and China and a quantitative and qualitative assessment of the effectiveness of these programmes, in particular their reciprocity conditions. Based on the survey findings, the project team will provide feedback for use by the Commission in the context of the Joint Committee meetings of the S&T agreements and make appropriate recommendations to ensure matching reciprocity from China.