

# **China Europe Water Platform**

**Draft**

**Work Programme 2012-2015**

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## Introduction

1.1 The China-Europe Water Platform (CEWP) Work Programme 2012-2015 provides the overall framework for the development and implementation of CEWP in the period 2012-2015. It envisages the broad picture for the CEWP in the long term. The Work Programme hereby reflects the joint China-EU ambition level for the CEWP.

1.2 The draft CEWP Work Programme 2012-2015 will be prepared by China and Denmark on behalf of EU acting as lead countries for the first period of three years starting on March 2012 in cooperation with co-lead countries and organisations interested to participate in the CEWPA. Accordingly, Portugal as first co-lead country will be involved in the preparation of this first version. Furthermore, the EU Delegation to China and Mongolia will be consulted.

1.3 The draft will be presented for consultation and feed-back at the EU Water Initiative Multi-Stakeholder Forum to be held in August 2012 in Stockholm in connection with the Stockholm World Water Week. Furthermore, EU Member States and other stakeholders will be consulted before the 1<sup>st</sup> Steering Committee meeting. Finally it will be made available for comment on the CEWP website.

1.4 All parties eligible for participation in the CEWP are invited to take responsibility for a certain theme consisting of various activities thereby becoming a co-lead of the CEWP - and also to take responsibility for activities to be carried out, whether these activities are included in the current draft work programme or proposed by co-leads.

1.5 At the 1<sup>st</sup> Steering Group meeting, the 2012-15 work programme will be discussed and finally approved. The Work Programme will be revised annually. For the first year, a detailed Work Plan will be developed for approval by the Steering Group Meeting. During the inception phase of the CEWP, i.e. the time up and until the Steering Group Meeting, an Interim Work Plan has been developed.

## 1 Purpose of work programme

2.1 The overall purpose of the CEWP Work Programme 2012-2015 is to achieve the CEWP objectives through concrete activities to enable the successful implementation of the CEWP in the three years following its launch in March 2012.

2.2 The specific purpose is as follows:

- To establish the organisation and working mechanisms of the CEWP;
- To continue policy dialogue between China and Europe after completion of the EU China River Basin Management Programme in July 2012 (see <http://euchinarivers.org>) also looking into synergies with other EU-China policy dialogues (e.g. High level dialogue on Environment, EU – China Cooperation Plan in Agriculture and Rural Development, Energy Security, Disaster Risk Management) and the EU-China strategic partnerships, including e.g. the newly launched partnership on sustainable urbanization (see [http://ec.europa.eu/commission\\_2010-2014/oettinger/headlines/news/2012/05/20120503\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/commission_2010-2014/oettinger/headlines/news/2012/05/20120503_en.htm) )

- To enable / ensure the CEWP produces tangible results in terms of cooperation agreements, policy recommendations and improved practices in water management, and related exchange visits of mutual interest ;
- To facilitate strengthening of research co-operation
- To facilitate mutual and joint business development;
- To ensure, together with the CEWP Interim Work Plan, the achievement of selected milestones crucial to the success of the CEWP.

2.3 The proposed milestones are listed in Table 1.

Table 1 CEWP, milestones 2012-2015

Year	Milestone
2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment of CN and EU secretariats, including firm work procedures</li> <li>• CEWP properly presented to parties involved in water sector development in China and Europe immediately upon agreement on work programmes by the Chinese and EU Secretariats</li> <li>• Stakeholders to be informed and invited to the annual EUWI Multi-Stakeholder Forum to be held in Stockholm during the Stockholm World Water Week</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> Steering Committee meeting, policy dialogue event and technical session successfully held in China in September 2012 (technical session to be held back-to-back to the Steering Committee meeting in connection with the 5<sup>th</sup> International Yellow River Forum) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Key documents, including CEWP Work Programme 2012-2015, Organisational Set-up, Work Plan 2012/2013 and Communication Strategy, approved by the Steering Committee</li> <li>○ A minimum of 3 co-leaders for selected technical themes are identified and approved</li> <li>○ At least 1-2 joint research launched?</li> <li>○ A minimum of 8 Chinese provinces (<i>sheng</i>) / cities / municipalities and River Commissions and 8 Chinese municipal water companies participate in the technical session.</li> <li>○ A minimum of 8 EU Member States / cities / regions and 20 private sector companies participate in the technical session</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Launch of CEWP website, including a knowledge centre for key / basic information</li> <li>• Meetings and Exchange Visits / Study Tours (self funded by travelling party) are held within the themes, included in the CEWP Work Programme 2012-2015</li> <li>• Links established/clarified with other EU-China policy dialogues/partnerships</li> </ul>
2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A minimum of 3 exchange visits for Chinese expert officials to Europe are carried out (wonder whether this target is to be set and if so equal number for EU expert officials exchange visits to be set as well. "Two way exchange for mutual benefit") I agree, we should also have exchange visit for European experts or businesses</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> Steering Committee meeting, policy dialogue and technical sessions successfully held in China or in Europe in September – October 2013 (Yangtze River Forum or back to back EU-China summits or other high level dialogues meetings (Urbanisation, Agriculture, Environment; Energy,) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Key documents, including CEWP Work Programme 2013-2016, Monitoring Report and Annual Report, approved by the Steering Committee</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A minimum of 2 further co-leaders and technical themes identified and approved</li> <li>○ A minimum of 12 new Chinese provinces / cities / municipalities and 12 Chinese water companies participate in the technical session</li> <li>○ A minimum of 12 new European companies / regions etc participate in the technical session</li> <li>● Number of results on search machines when searching for CEWP has drastically increased - partly due to an improved CEWP website allowing users to exchange information easily</li> </ul>
2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A minimum of 5 exchange visits for Chinese/European expert officials and/or private sector representatives to Europe are carried out</li> <li>● 3<sup>rd</sup> Steering Committee meeting, policy dialogue event and technical sessions successfully held in China or Europe in autumn 2014 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Key documents, including CEWP Work Programme 2014-2017, Monitoring Report and Annual Report, approved by the Steering Committee</li> <li>○ A minimum of 2 further co-leaders and technical themes identified and approved</li> <li>○ A minimum of 15 new Chinese provinces / cities / municipalities and 15 Chinese municipal water companies participate in the technical session</li> <li>○ A minimum of 15 new participants from Europe participate in the technical session</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A minimum of 6 study tours for Chinese experts to Europe are carried out</li> <li>● 4<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee meeting and technical session successfully held in China or Europe in September 2015 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Key documents, including CEWP Work Programme 2015-2018, Monitoring Report and Annual Report, approved by the Steering Committee</li> <li>○ A minimum of 2 further co-leaders and technical sessions identified and approved</li> <li>○ A minimum of 15 new Chinese provinces / cities / municipalities and 15 Chinese municipal water companies participate in the technical session</li> <li>○ A minimum of 15 new participants from Europe participate in the technical session</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## 2 Three parts, various themes

3.1 It is envisaged that the work programme is divided into three parts each consisting of various themes and activities. The three parts are the following:

- **Part 1: Policy dialogue.** That is, the execution of a policy dialogue concerning the development and subsequent implementation of water sector reforms among stakeholders in China and Europe.
- **Part 2: Science and technology exchange.** That is, partnership and stakeholder cooperation with regard to science and technology in the water sector as a whole (water resources management and monitoring, river basin management, flood management and other water

relater disasters, irrigation, water resources protection, water supply and sanitation, agriculture/rural development/food security as well as water resource management).

- **Part 3: Programme facilitation.** That is, ensuring efficient exchange of lessons learned through, among others, proper monitoring and reporting; further a communication component will ensure easy overview to activities, stakeholders etc

3.2 It is foreseen that the lead countries will be overall responsible for Part 1: Policy dialogue and Part 3: Knowledge sharing. With regard to Part 2: Science and technology exchange it is proposed that a country, province and/or institution, whether in China or Europe, takes responsibility for a certain theme, such as ground water, thereby becoming a co-lead of the CEWP. Various implementing units and partners may be involved in the development and implementation of the themes (see below).

3.3 Each part has its own objective supporting the achievement of the purpose of the work programme. Each part consists of a set of themes. Table 1 below provides an overview of the three parts, their objectives and their themes.

Table 2 *Three parts, three objectives, many themes*

Parts	Objectives	Themes
1 Policy dialogue	To facilitate the successful translation of policy frameworks into water sector reform and the successful implementation of these	1.1 Policy framework 1.2 Legal, institutional and regulatory framework 1.3 Financing and project implementation
2 Science and technology exchange	To facilitate a further increase in scientific and private sector cooperation in the water sector between China and Europe. The listed themes are initial ideas to be further developed in cooperation with interested Chinese and European stakeholders	2.1 Groundwater 2.2 Water quality 2.3 Water use efficiency 2.4 Water scarcity and drought 2.5 Non-revenue water (Urban water efficiency) 2.6 Flood Security and other water related disasters 2.7 Water and agriculture/rural development/food security
3 Knowledge sharing	To facilitate information dissemination	3.1 Steering Committee meetings 3.2 Reporting 3.3 Monitoring