

EU CHINA

Weaving the threads of civil society

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STRUCTURE OF PRESENTATION

EU-CHINA: Weaving the threads of civil society



EU-China relations

Dominance of diplomacy and trade



Meeting the challenge

Promoting civil society exchanges



EU-China Civil Society Dialogue

How you can join the conversation at UNNC



DIPLOMACY AND TRADE

Dominance of G2G and B2B in EU-China relations



... but what about exchanges between European and Chinese civil societies?

CIVIL SOCIETY

Civil Society = NGOs?



Foundation for the
Global Compact

“Civil Society Organizations – also known as non-governmental organizations – are critical actors in the advancement of universal values around human rights, the environment, labor standards and anti-corruption.

As global market integration has advanced, their role has gained particular importance in aligning economic activities with social and environmental priorities.”

Source: UN-Global Compact http://www.unglobalcompact.org/ParticipantsAndStakeholders/civil_society.html

THE MISSING LINK

Civil society / Non-governmental organisations



Source: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4bh06mxhrDQ&feature=related> (download 7 May 2011)

CIVIL SOCIETY IN CHINA

More than just NGOs



Nick Young,
Founder of
China
Development
Brief (CDB)

“If civil society is a useful and meaningful concept, it has to mean more than just NGOs which in China are still young and weak, although I think they are becoming more able as well as more numerous. I think it has to include China’s intellectuals, who are significant opinion formers (although this is often over-stated: most of them seek a comfort zone and stay in it, for reasons that are perfectly understandable.) It has to include professionals—journalists, some of whom do really important work within state owned media as well as in more independent publishing and broadcasting (notably netizenry); lawyers; social workers, teachers.”

Nick Young 2008, ‘Chinese need better conversations among themselves’,
<http://www.nickyoungrwrites.com/?q=node/32> (download 21 February 2010).

CIVIL SOCIETY

Academic definitions



Frank Adloff,
Freie Universität
Berlin, Germany

Many varieties of civil society exist

Civil society as a process of self-organisation

Civil society = 'organised' society based on principles and practices of active citizenship

Social and political integration of citizens and their associations in modern nation-states

Source: Frank Adloff (2005) Zivilgesellschaft. Theorie und politische Praxis. Campus Verlag. Frankfurt/New York. 151-155.

ENGAGING CHINA

Calls for a multi-tier political dialogue

“China and EU should add more substance to their political ties. While overcoming institutional and ethical differences, both need to deepen their mutual confidence by building a multi-tier political dialogue to bridge the gaps not only between top leaders, but also among grassroots level officials, non-government activists and the general public.”



Professor
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“NGO’s should not only work on but with China.”

Source: <http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/chinese/news-events/news/eu-china-civil-society-dialogue-fulda-17-1-11.aspx> (download 7 May 2011)

INTERACTIVE PART

Please discuss the following question with your neighbour for the next five minutes



What are the obstacles to an enhanced dialogue and collaboration between European and Chinese civil societies?





CIVIL SOCIETY DIALOGUE

2010 EuropeAid call for proposals

“Since the late 1980s, the concept of civil society has gained great international prominence. It routinely features in public debates, academic writings, media reports, and policy analyses and recommendations on almost any issue of current concern. Civil society organizations, notably NGOs, have also enjoyed a spectacular growth in terms of numbers and capacity over this period, receiving increased support from multilateral institutions, governments, the corporate sector and the general public.

The emergence of an increasingly vibrant civil society sector in China has been a direct consequence of the changes to both the Chinese state and society since the beginning of the reforms in 1978. The Chinese government explicitly recognizes the role the civil society has to play in the modern Chinese society.”

Source: European Commission 2010, EU-China Civil Society Dialogue Guidelines for grant applicants

BRINGING EUROPE AND CHINA TOGETHER

Our three overall objectives and two specific objectives

Overall Objective 1.

To establish and consolidate a structured ongoing dialogue between European and Chinese Civil Society.

Overall Objective 2.

To establish durable and sustainable links between European and Chinese civil society stakeholders in eight policy areas.

Overall Objective 3.

To deepen European engagement with Chinese civil society through innovative joint participatory public policy initiatives.

Specific Objective 1.

To improve the effectiveness of public participation in public policy making and implementation in the PR China through a learning network on participatory public policy.

Specific Objective 2.

To enhance the knowledge and understanding of relevant European stakeholders of the Chinese civil society environment.

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PROFESSIONAL FACILITATION

Promoting learning through participatory processes



LEADERSHIP INC
Facilitating Organizational Change
in Greater China

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<http://www.leadershipinc.com.cn/1E/index.htm>



Mark Pixley
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LEADERSHIP INC will help facilitate all seven EU-China Civil Society Dialogues in China - see Program Architecture for further details

2011

Climate Change
(July)

Follow up activities
1 and 2



Food
Safety (August)

Follow up activities
3 and 4



Labor Relations
(November)

Follow up activities
5 and 6



2011

2012



Climate Change (July)

Follow up activities 1 and 2



Child Welfare (Feb.)

Follow up activities 7 and 8



Food Safety (August)

Follow up activities 3 and 4



Int. Conference 1



Labor Relations (November)

Follow up activities 5 and 6



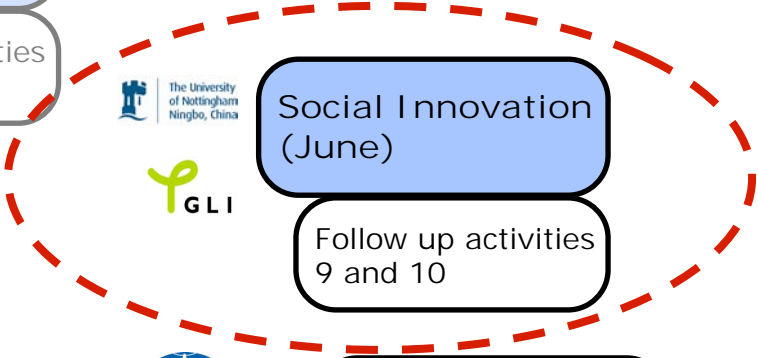
Social Innovation (June)

Follow up activities 9 and 10



PPP and FoI (September)

Follow up activities 11 and 12



2011



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Social Innovation (June)

Follow up activities 9 and 10



PPP and FoI (September)

Follow up activities 11 and 12



2012/13



Gov. Finance Ref. (December 12)

Follow up activities 13 and 14



Rule of Law (March 2013)

Follow up activities 15 and 16



Int. Conference 2





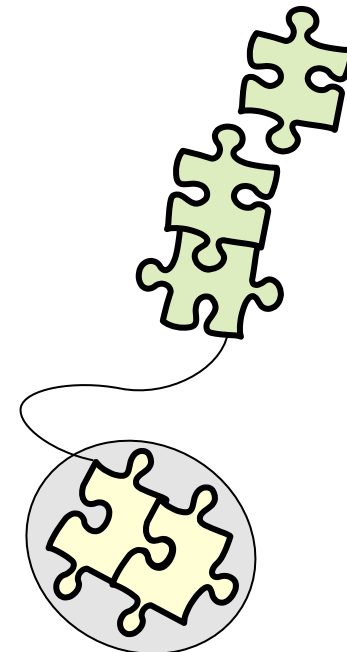
EU-China Civil Society Dialogue on Climate Change & Sustainable Consumption and Production

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- Networking opportunity with 8 European and 64 Chinese delegates from civil society sector, business, and academia as well as 20 cadres from the China Youth League, a total of 92 participants

- 3 days of information sharing, deliberation, and action planning for two follow-up activities @ 10.000 Euro each



- Students from translation degrees can gain invaluable experiences as escort interpreters for our European guests



- Volunteers from NUTS will be trained in conference video reporting in early July and tasked to produce a 10-minute video blog about the EU-China Civil Society Dialogue

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