



## **Framing a Governing Board for the EU-China Urbanisation Partnership**

**Brussels, 24 September 2012**

### ***Agenda***

In the Joint Declaration signed by Vice Premier LI Keqiang and President Barroso in May 2012, NDRC and DG Energy have agreed 1) to endorse the role of coordinator of the EU-China Partnership on Sustainable Urbanisation, and 2) to establish a reporting mechanism for the leaders of the EU-China Summit.

The objectives of the Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> September are therefore to shape a consensus on all the aspects of the Governance of the Partnership for the long run, and to kick-start the coordination work during the current inception phase.

**09:00-09:30    Opening Remarks: The significance of the EU-China Partnership on Sustainable Urbanisation, and respective expectations**

- ENER Director-General Philip Lowe
- NDRC Vice-Chairman XU Xianping

**09:30 -10:15    Session one: Governance of the Partnership**

The second session will aim at forging a consensus on the following aspects of the Governance of the Partnership:

- Meeting format, funding support, level of representation
- Set up of a Secretariat
- Allocation of resources
- Integration of stakeholders activities to the work plan
- Reporting mechanism

### EU side

On 22 March 2012, the European Commission shared a concept note with NDRC, clarifying the intents of the EU side with respect to the items listed above.

### Chinese side

A written response from NDRC on the European concept note is expected in advance of the meeting.

In the working level meeting held in Beijing on 17 July, NDRC also proposed to draft a concept note specifically on the matter of setting-up the Secretariat (clarifying its role and positioning vis-à-vis the coordinators NDRC and ENER, differentiating between decisions of strategic importance and day-to-day operations, etc)

### Expected outcome

A mutually agreed concept note could be endorsed in conclusion of the session, if the visions of the two sides have sufficiently converged in advance of and during the meeting.

### **10:15 – 11:00 Session two: Inventory of bilateral activities and aggregated Action Plan**

The session will take the shape of a tour de table/presentation where EU and CN stakeholders will briefly present their ongoing and future bilateral projects in the field of urbanisation.

### EU side

Typically, the EU institutions and services invited by DG Energy will be represented at Director level. The tentative list includes: European Commission (energy, transport, information society, research, environment, climate, regional policy, cooperation...), the European External Action Service, and the European Economic and Social Committee.

Presentations shall be 5 slides maximum aiming at introducing (1) the objectives, (2) the timeframe, (3) the concrete coming activities and (4) the lessons learnt or the challenges faced.

### Chinese side

NDRC will also be invited to share their thoughts for the Urbanisation Partnership:

- topics for the Urbanisation Forum 2013

- NDRC draft action plan and priorities for the Partnership in 2013 and beyond

NB: a feedback from the EU side will be conditional to the advance circulation of a concept note on the matters

#### Expected outcome

This stock-taking exercise shall put the two coordinators NDRC and DG energy in a position to:

- gain full awareness of the ongoing activities existing in various sectoral dialogues, that could serve the objectives of the Partnership
- identify some synergies between various initiatives ("low-hanging fruits")
- lay out the foundations for a future "gap analysis" in areas of mutual interest, where new specific actions could be explored at a later stage

\*\*\* *Coffee break* \*\*\*

#### **11.15 – 13:00 Restricted briefing for Vice Chairman Xu Xianping: Latest Urbanisation trends in Europe**

Speakers:

1. **Cristina Gutierrez-Cortines**, Member of the European Parliament
2. **Christian Egenhofer**, Senior Fellow, Head of the Energy and Climate programme of the Center for European Policy Studies (CEPS) – author of the CEPS report "*EU Levers to Accelerate City Actions on Climate Change Mitigation*"
3. **Pierre Laconte**, President, Foundation for the Urban Environment – author of the Club of Rome Report “Climate Change Energy Shortage Biodiversity Loss. Overview of Global, European and Local Policies and Practices” (Chinese translation – [read the Chinese PDF](#))

**Draft List of Participants [as of 18 September]**

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