



EU – China River Basin Management Programme Experience, Achievements, and Legacy China Europe Water Platform

5th International Yellow River Forum
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Objective

EU – China River Basin Management Programme



The programme aimed at supporting MWR, MEP and related Chinese partners to enhance integrated river basin management (IRBM) policies and practices through sharing EU experience and best practices.

and

To create a sustained dialogue between China and Europe on Integrated Water Resources Management

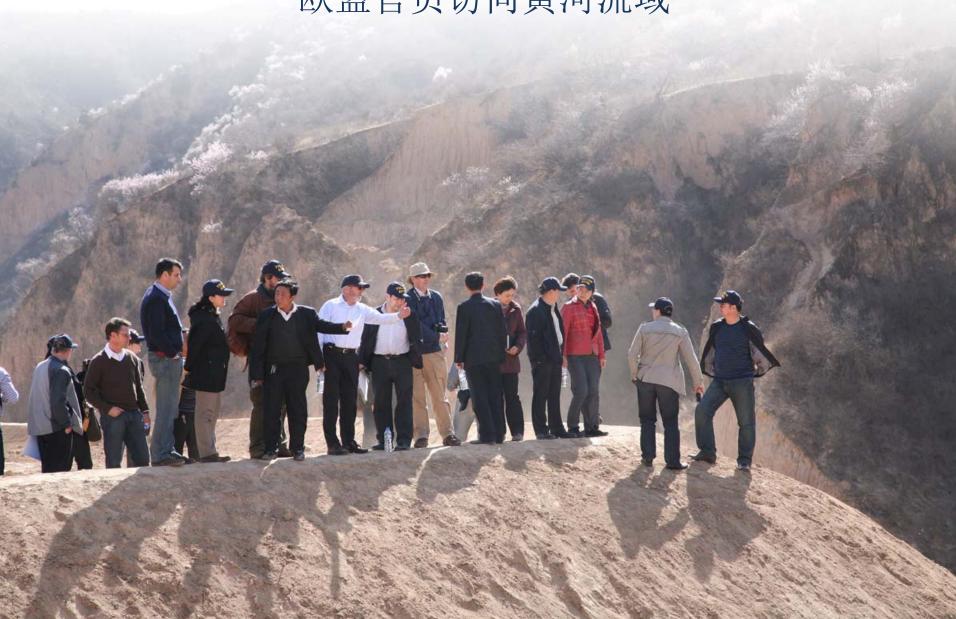


EU - China Dialogue on IWRM

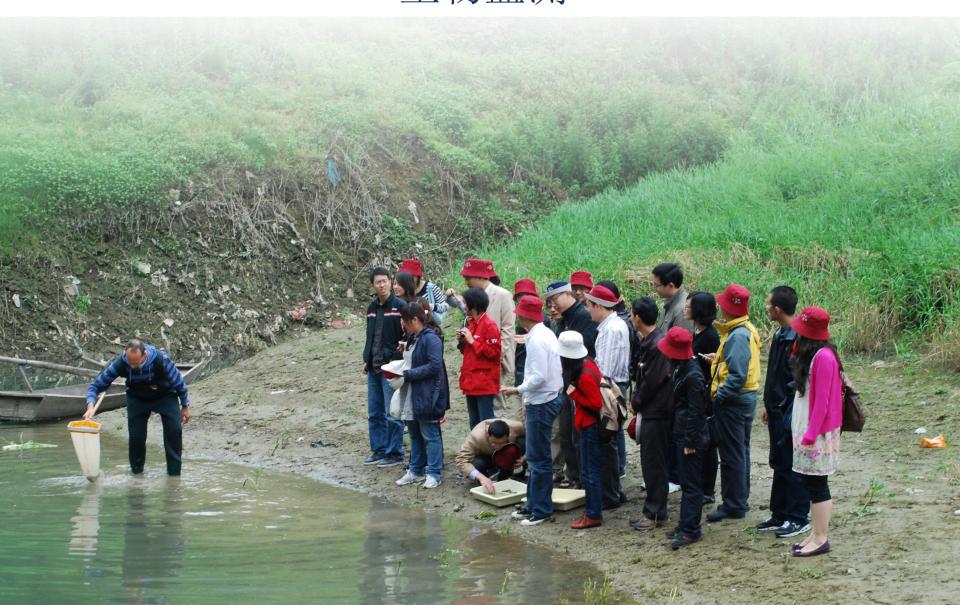


EU Mission to Yellow River Basin

欧盟官员访问黄河流域



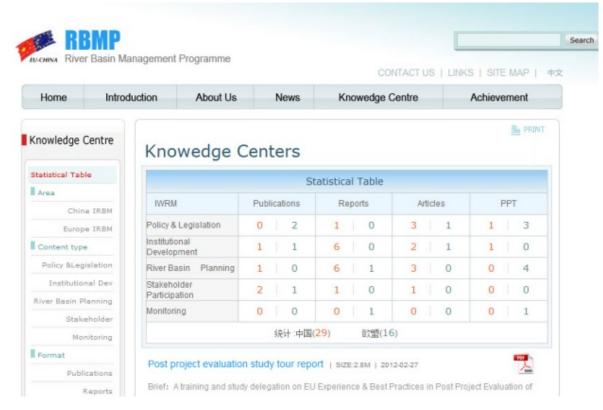
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China Europe Water Platform







Joint Press Communiqué 15th EU-China Summit

CHINA EUROPE Water Platform

Mr. Herman **Van Rompuy**, President of the European Council and Mr.José Manuel **Barroso**, President of the European Commission, assisted by the High-Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Baroness Catherine Ashton.

Premier Wen Jiabao of the State Council of the People's Republic of China

44. Underlined the importance of water, food and nutrition security as a common interest in our environmental and agricultural relations and major global issues. They took note of the interdependence of food and water security issues. Leaders ommitted to continue bilateral and multilateral efforts to address food and nutrition and water security concerns and welcomed the establishment of the EU-China Water Platform as a sound mechanism for future cooperation on integrated water resources management.

CEWP objectives



- For China and Europe, as global leading regions, to cooperate in achieving good governance in managing water resources;
- Enhancing mutual understanding between China and Europe on approaches in integrated water resources policy development and implementation;
- Promote the exchange of innovative knowledge and technologies to meet common challenges caused in particular by on-going socio-economic development, urbanization and climate change;
- Synergizing, for mutual benefit, existing and future cooperation, research and private sector involvement, focused on efficient exchange of experiences and best practices in sustainable, environment-friendly integrated water resources management;
- Creating opportunities to Chinese and European private sector and research institutes for business development and joint research programs of common interest.
- All this in a two way cooperation for mutual benefit

CEWP areas of co-operation



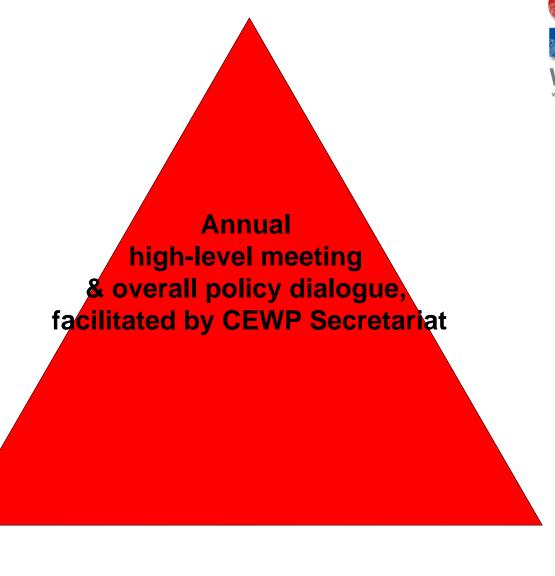
Possible areas of cooperation include the following three areas:

- Policy dialogue;
- Research dialogue
- Business dialogue

With focus on

- Policy, Management, Science and technology exchange;
- Partnership and stakeholder cooperation;
- Knowledge sharing, dissemination and visibility.







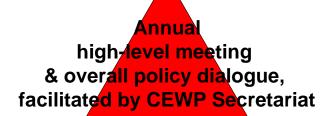




Annual
high-level meeting
& overall policy dialogue,
facilitated by CEWP Secretariat

Theme-focused dialogue, technical sessions & study tours facilitated by co-leaders







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Concrete partnerships on specific issues, Involving research, business, public, organisations, organised by active CEWP participants



CEWP – Chinese benefits



- Easy access to practitioners in the EU at all levels;
- **Easy access to best practices** regarding legal framework, institutional setup and financing mechanisms in the water sector in the EU, including tools for water resources management;
- Easy access to EU know-how and technology and improved cooperation on piloting or testing of new technologies, thereby facilitating technology transfers;
- Easy access for China to EU Member States and vice versa where no bilateral cooperation exists and thus improved overall cooperation in the water sector;
- Improved framework for Chinese and European researchers for joint research to scale up research and raise academic standards, including improved access to EU research programmes, such as FP7;
- Gain political and market related information on the water sector in the EU.

Perspectives for European participants?



- Easy access to key stakeholders in China;
- Increased understanding of the needs and priorities of China;
- Discussion partners regarding the further development and implementation of EU water policy;
- Improved research, including access to scaling up of research from small river basins in Europe to large river basins in China;
- **Easier registration of EU technological solutions** on relevant lists of approved water technologies in China.



Summary



- The CEWP has taken its first steps
- The organisational framework prepared
- Leads: China MWR Europe Denmark
- European co-lead parties: Portugal, Hungary, Austria
- Current focus: Listening for ideas and requests!
- Keywords for CEWP:
- Providing overview and information
- Building relations, enabling participants
- Access to knowledge, partners and customers





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Your ideas and input will be highly appreciated!

