



## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

# EU-China 2020 Strategic Agenda for Cooperation

*Brussels, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019*

*European Economic and Social Committee, room VMA3  
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In 2013, Brussels and Beijing launched the EU-China 2020 Strategic Agenda for Cooperation, an ambitious goal-setting document covering a wide range of initiatives in the fields of 'peace and security', 'prosperity', 'sustainable development', and 'people-to-people exchanges'. As the 2020 'deadline' approaches, hurdles and tensions remaining in both bilateral ties and at global level certainly complicate the achievement of many of the goals set in the Agenda. Nevertheless, the EU and China still could be facing an unprecedented opportunity to step up their cooperation. This international conference brings together a wide range of top-level international academics, practitioners and policymakers to set the stage for a crucial stocktaking exercise, aimed at assessing the scale and scope of both progress and problems in relations between the EU and China, as well as their mutual perceptions.

## PROGRAMME

9:00 **Registration**

9:30 **Opening of the conference**

### Opening greetings and introduction

*Dr. Jing MEN*, Baillet Latour Chair of EU-China Relations and Director of EU-China Research Centre, EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies Department, College of Europe

### Welcome speech

*Graham WATSON*, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee; Managing director of consultancy Bagehot Limited, EU Counsel to Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar and chairman of Europe Active, the European Health and Fitness Association



9:45 **KEYNOTE ADDRESSES: The EU-China 2020 Strategic Agenda For Cooperation**

*H.E. ZHANG Ming*, Ambassador, Head of the Chinese Mission to the European Union, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, PRC

*H.E. Viorel ISTICIOAIA*, Ambassador at-large-for-Asian Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Romania

*George CUNNINGHAM*, Directorate for the Asia-Pacific, European Union External Action Service

10:30 **Coffee break and group photo (for conference speakers)**

11:00 **PANEL 1: Traditional issues, Non-Traditional Actors**

**Chair:** *Dr. Jing MEN*, Baillet Latour Chair of EU-China Relations and Director of EU-China Research Centre, EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies Department, College of Europe

**EU-China Security Relations in a Changing Global Context**

*Emil J KIRCHNER*, Jean Monnet Professor and Coordinator of the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, University of Essex

**Managing complex interdependencies: from idealism to pragmatism in EU-China security relations**

*Julia GUROL*, Research Associate and PhD candidate in Political Science, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität, Freiburg; Researcher, Center for Applied Research in Partnership with the Orient (CARPO); Visiting Fellow, German Studies Center, Tongji University, Shanghai

**The Role of the European Parliament in EU-China Relations**

*Davor JANCIC*, Lecturer in Law, Department of Law, Queen Mary University of London

**The Urbanisation dialogue**

*Tomasz KAMINSKI PhD*, Assistant professor, Department of East Asian Studies, Faculty of International and Political Studies, University of Lodz

12:30 **Lunch (will be served outside the conference room)**



14:00 **PANEL 2: Collective Efforts for Sustainable Development**

Chair: *Bernard DEWIT*, Chairman, Belgian-Chinese Chamber of Commerce

**Procurement Cooperation between the European Union and China**

*Dexine SHEN*, Defence procurement specialist

**Corporate Social Responsibility and Decent Work in China: A Stocktake of Regulatory Developments**

*Mimi ZOU PhD*, Professor in Chinese law, University of Oxford (*tbc*)

**Innovation and Circular Economy Policies. Understanding the Scope of Reinforced EU China Environmental Partnership across the Eurasian landmass**

*Arvea MARIENI*, Principal Consultant, GcM Consulting, Turin

*Corrado CLINI*, International Executive Advisor on Environment and Health; Member of the Advisory Board of the Global Energy Interconnection, Development and Organisation (GEIDCO); former Minister for the Environment of Italy

15:30 **PANEL 3: Changing Economic and Political Dimensions**

Chair: *Dr Duncan FREEMAN*, Research Fellow of EU-China Research Centre, EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies Department, College of Europe

**The Cross-Border E-Commerce between EU and China, Current Trend and Future Perspectives**

*Li Lun*, PhD candidate, National Centre for Research on Europe, University of Canterbury, New Zealand

**EU-China Strategic partnership in Artificial Intelligence**

*Paramjeet SINGH BERWAL*, lawyer; invited Lecturer of EU Intellectual Property law, EU Competition Law and International Investment Law, Tbilisi State University and University of Georgia

**What future for the EU-China 2020 Strategic Agenda after Brexit?**

*John RYAN*, Professor, Fellow at IDEAS Centre for the Study of International Affairs, Diplomacy and Grand Strategy, The London School of Economics and Political Science



## Models of Governance: Competition and Cooperation

*Furio CERUTTI*, Professor of Political Philosophy Emeritus, University of Florence; Affiliate Professor, Scuola Superiore S. Anna, Pisa

17:15 **Closing remarks**

*Dr. Jing MEN*, Baillet Latour Chair of EU-China Relations and Director of EU-China Research Centre, EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies Department, College of Europe

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