



CHINA-EUROPA FORUM

Society-to-society dialogue,
to take up common challenges

Together, let's contribute to the construction
of a responsible World

- Dialogue
- Understanding
- Reacting
- Suggesting





WHAT IS THE FORUM?

The China-Europa Forum is a long-term, innovative dialogue process between European and Chinese societies. It is interspersed with biennial meetings, at which reports are drawn up, organised alternately in China and Europe. As a public arena for thinking and action, the Forum helps the two societies, as they undergo fundamental changes, to gain better insight into themselves in all their diversity, and each other.

Bringing together participants from all regions and all socio-professional backgrounds, addressing all the major challenges both societies are confronted with today, this society-to-society dialogue is also an opportunity to:

- Share thoughts with a broad public aware of the future issues inherent in relations between China and Europe;
- Explore the issues raised by globalisation for China and Europe in-depth;
- Participate as citizens in the production of knowledge, based on the free confrontation of everybody's points of view and experience.

An independent initiative, the Forum has gradually sparked the interest and involvement of a wide variety of institutions in China and Europe: European bodies, regional authorities, universities, chambers of commerce etc.

Origins

The Forum was born of the meeting of two ambitions: that of the Association of Chinese Intellectuals in Europe to deepen understanding between China and the West, and that of the Charles Léopold Mayer Foundation to foster a global community based on new social, political and institutional regulations. Instigated by Chen Yan, Pierre Calame and Yu Shuo, the project has rallied eminent personalities such as Michel Rocard, Jacques

Delors, Henri Fok, Georges Berthoin, Wu Jianmin, Paul Tran Van Thinh, Zhong Binglin, Angelina Yuen-Tsang, Ho Kinlap and Song Xinning.

Initially imagined as a one-off meeting, the Forum has now become an ongoing platform for sharing between the two societies, a prototype for dialogue between regions of the world.

The Forum's Biennial Meetings

October 2005

The First Biennial Meeting was held in Nansha, South China. It was organised jointly by the Charles Léopold Mayer Foundation for Human Progress, the Henry Fok Foundation, the Macau Foundation, the Chinese Diplomatic Institute and the People's University of China. It gave an opportunity for 28 players and keynote speakers to recount their personal experiences of European construction and to share the lessons learnt with the Chinese participants. The proceedings have been recorded in "*L'Europe, c'est pas du chinois !*" ("*Europe isn't incomprehensible*"), in French and Chinese, available online on our Web site.



October 2007

The Second Biennial Meeting took place in Europe. It received backing from over 100 different institutions. 850 participants, 300 Chinese and 550 Europeans from all over Europe and China were welcomed in 23 cities and 9 European countries, then joined together for plenary sessions in Brussels. The 46 concurrent workshops gave everybody the chance to recount the transformations of their societies, find the means for concrete action in order to face up to these in a responsible manner. You can view the workshop roundups and press reviews online.

Social diversity expressing one voice

The Forum targets all Europeans and Chinese who want to participate in a diversified network of players, who feel the need to look beyond stereotyped vision and who recognise the need to lessen the growing incomprehension between our two societies.

Dialogue is not restricted to these biennial meetings. It also takes place as ongoing workshops, more than forty of them, organised and managed independently, participating in the overall dynamic of the Forum.

These workshops are of two kinds:

• Socio-professional workshops.

These bring together players with a common background, such as farming, business, religious communities, the arts, teaching, science, the corporate world, the military, civil service, trade unions etc.

• Thematic workshops.

These bring together participants from different backgrounds, who share the same interests. They cover the main challenges each of our societies have to face up to, from scientific techniques to values, from economic development to that of society, from city planning to sustainable development.



TAKE PART IN THE FORUM ADVENTURE, GET INVOLVED!

Contribute to the discussions and debates on interactive forums, put your ideas forward, discuss those of others and draft your joint documents using wiki collaborative writing tools.

In July 2009, the Third Biennial Meeting will be held in China

Organised jointly by the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, the Charles Léopold Mayer Foundation for Human Progress and the China-Europa-Forum Foundation, this meeting will be the culmination of the work carried out in workshops in 2008-2009. It

will present roundups of debates, meetings, visits, discussion over Internet of over fifty themes on the present and the future. By giving a high profile to this ongoing dialogue, it can open up new perspectives.

Participate in the Third Biennial Meeting of the Forum by getting involved now!

How to participate in the workshops

Whether you are a representative of a university, a regional authority, an organisation in civil society, a company, or an individual, you will find all the details

online on our Web site or you can contact us at the following address:
fce.contact@chinaeuropa-forum.net

Other ways of getting involved

Would you like to sponsor a workshop, become a coordinator in this adventure, get your networks involved in this shared dynamic, contribute your linguistic talents, or help out with the logistics of organising the

workshops, or fund the Forum and thus help further this innovative project? Please contact us at the following address:
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The workshops of the Forum

The workshops are listed as follows:

- **Values, religion, art, culture, education, science and technology, media**

Example of socio-professional (WS1) and thematic (WT1) workshops
WS15: Journalists and media / WT12: The change to ethical reference points

- **Society, social organization, lifestyles**

Example of socio-professional (WS2) and thematic (WT2) workshops
WS21: Women / WT21: Impact of demographic changes

- **Economy: production and markets, labour, consumers, financial sector**

Example of socio-professional (WS3) and thematic (WT3) workshops
WS32: Financial institutions / WT35: Sustainable agro-food supply chains and systems

- **Objectives, methods and levels of governance from local to global**

Example of socio-professional (WS4) and thematic (WT4) workshops
WS43: Civil services managers / WT42: Urban design and urban governance

- **Relations between humankind and biosphere; natural resources management**

Example of thematic workshop (WT5)
No WS5: No socio-professional category represents the biosphere / WT55: Agriculture and biodiversity

Press



If you work for the press and would like to know more about the Forum, find out about its progress or report on the workshop debates, please contact us at the following address:
press@china-europa-forum.net.

To measure the extent of the media coverage of the second biennial meeting, please check out our press review, mailed on request (available in French-Chinese and English-Chinese).

Keep abreast by subscribing to our quarterly newsletter, the ForuMag'.
Send your name and e-mail to:
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The Forum provides the workshops with shared tools. The Web site www.china-europa-forum.net offers each existing and future workshop an independent working area. This means participants can share information and thoughts in order to hone the ideas, debate, submit proposals to the Forum's instigators and broaden the circle of participants in the dialogue. There are three main sections: **Information**, **Documentation** and **Action**, plus a calendar and a portal to partner Web sites.

Find out more:

A web site

www.china-europa-forum.net



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