

**The Second China-Europe Forum
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*Dialogue between Societies
to Take up the Challenges of the Contemporary World
together*

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PRESENTATION

The relations between China and Europe arouse today great interest as well as causes for concern.

The challenge posed to Europe by the emergence of China, and the challenge of globalisation faced by both societies merit **an effort on both sides to understand and cooperate**, otherwise there is a risk of a damaging retreat. In addition, many of the challenges of Europe are also on the point of becoming those of contemporary China too, from ageing of the population to the scale of migratory flows – internal in China, international in Europe – from the search for a means of production and a way of life that consume less energy and fewer raw materials to the management of large cities, from reconciling economic globalisation with social justice to new forms of governance.

The China-Europa Forum provides the conditions, outside the conventional conference setting, **to take on these challenges** by bringing together instigators of change in both societies, allowing them to share their points of view, express what they expect from each other and **open up leads for impelling cooperation**.

The first Forum, which focused on European integration and which was held in China in October 2005 with Michel Rocard, Wu Jianmin, Jordi Pujol, Milan Kucan and Jean-Louis Bourlanges. The success of the first edition and the expectations of the two societies mean that they must now **move much further forward in their dialogue**.

A second edition will therefore take place in Europe from 4 to 7 October 2007, in two blocks:

- 4 and 5 October, 2007: Around 40 socio-professional and theme-based workshops bringing together nearly a thousand people will take place in several European cities and regions.
- 6 and 7 October 2007: these workshops will converge in Brussels, where will be held the plenary session.

The China-Europa Forum, which is supported by the European Commission, is organised on the initiative of:

- the Brussels Institute of Contemporary China Studies (BICCS) – Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), the Charles Léopold Mayer Foundation for Human Progress, European partner foundations and the Association of Chinese Intellectuals in Europe.
- the People's University in Beijing, the Chinese Diplomatic Institute, the Sun Yat-sen University in Canton, the Institute of European Studies of Macau, the Macau Foundation and the Henry Fok Foundation.

The Forum Founding Committee comprises the following members:

- Mr Wu Jianmin, former Ambassador, President of the Chinese Diplomatic Institute
- Mr Ho Kinlap, Secretary-General of the Henri Fok Foundation

- Mr Song Xinning, Professor of International Relations at the People's University
- Mr Chen Yan, member of the Association of Chinese Intellectuals in Europe
- Mr Michel Rocard, former French Prime Minister, MEP
- Mr Georges Berthoin, former Head of Jean Monnet's Cabinet, Honorary Chairman of the European Movement
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The Format of the Second Forum

1. The objectives and specifications for the second Forum

1.1 Rapid change in China is prompting a new approach to Sino-European relations and a need to improve their mutual understanding

China and Europe have a very long common history characterised by mutual fascination, philosophical, cultural and commercial exchanges, encounters, mutual influence, and disappointments, humiliations.

Over the past two decades the scientific, technological and economic development of the West has been a source of inspiration for Chinese development. The speed with which China has taken off, the keenness of all its people to see the standing and influence that was theirs for millennia restored, means that the dialogue between Europe and China is undergoing a fundamental change from a dissymmetrical relationship to a relationship between equals.

As powers and civilisations on a global scale, China and Europe must both take their responsibilities with regard to the future of humanity. They must contribute together to the emergence of a democratic and multipolar world governance.

But today, their partnership isn't equal to the challenges they face and the responsibilities that they have to take together. There is fear and ignorance, even mutual suspicion, and these can at any time inspire a retreat into hardened nationalist and protectionist attitudes on either side.

Therefore, in addition to existing exchanges, there needs to be a stronger relationship between the societies, mobilizing all the stakeholders, enriching their mutual understanding, and facing the future resolutely in order to manage the changes on which no less than the survival of humanity depends. It is the broad ambition of the China-Europa Forum to contribute to this process.

1.2. The second Forum must open up future dialogue and cooperation on a new scale

The first Forum, held in Nansha, China, in October 2005, was a success. Its aim, at the request of the Chinese side, was specific: the history, successes, contradictions and perspectives of European integration; the lessons that China can learn from this for itself.

The second Forum, to be held in Europe in 2007 was originally designed along the same lines aiming on giving a better understanding of China to the European Union, now enlarged to 27 members. It has been broadened to a more ambitious format. An overview of the successes, challenges, contradictions and hopes of contemporary China would partly miss its goal if it did not open up the floor to all the stakeholders, if the challenges of Chinese society found no echo in the same challenges in Europe, if each society was not able to say what it expects, what it fears and what it wants to understand of the other, if this dialogue did not in the end result in more ambitious prospects of cooperation in solving global problems.

1.3. To this end the Forum must be seen as a journey from the particular to the general and from diversity to unity

The dialogue between China and Europe must emphasize the internal diversity within each of these two regions of the world. This diversity is expressed in Europe by the specific history and reality of each Member States, and in China, by the difference between North and South, between the coastal regions and the interior. Added to this is the diversity of the challenges faced by our societies in a period of rapid change. If in China these changes are taking place on a scale and at a speed practically unmatched in the history of humanity, Europe too is affected by them, whether in relation to its rapid enlargement to 27 members, the change in some of them from a centralised planned economy to an open market economy in less than 15 years, the ageing of the population, the economic restructuring that is drastically changing the reference points of identity or contradictions between the development model and environmental balances.

This threefold geo-cultural, socio-professional and thematic diversity will steer the approach of the Forum, designed to take this assumed diversity as its starting point and move towards common perspectives.

2. The format of the workshops and plenary sessions: two blocks of a different nature

The China-Europa Forum will take place over four days, from 4 to 7 October 2007. It will consist of two 2-day blocks: the first block will be organised as workshops held in various European regions and cities on 4 and 5 October; the second block as plenary sessions in Brussels on 6 and 7 October.

The organisation of the Forum, i.e. the format, methodology and agenda as presented below, must be strictly complied with for both blocks, in the workshops and the plenary sessions.

2.1. The first block: organising the work into workshops

The first block will be organised as closed workshops, each involving around 20 participants, held in various regions and cities throughout Europe. This first block may be rounded off, if the workshop organisers so decide, with a public meeting to present the outcome of the work.

Some 40 workshops will thus be held simultaneously. Half of them will have a socio-professional focus, bringing together people from the same background to discuss the challenges faced by their respective societies. The other half will be theme-based, bringing together experts from the same sphere to compare their points of view.

The aim of the socio-professional workshops is to gain insight into the sheer diversity of Chinese and European societies. During the theme-based workshops, participants will seek to grasp the diversity of issues both societies have to face and of the solutions put forward.

The present number of socio-professional and theme-based workshops is given as a guideline only. It is a round figure, reflecting diversity, but the final number will depend on the Forum's financial and logistic capacities.

2.1.1. List and programme of the socio-professional workshops

a- The socio-professional workshops will be divided into four groups:

Group	Workshop
Group 1 <i>On values and knowledge</i>	The place and role of religion in an harmonious society Artists Scientists and experts Academics Journalists and the media
Group 2 <i>On society</i>	Women Young people Migrants Civil society organisations; NGOs Business executives Public and private sector employees; trade unions Farmers and fishermen Citizens
Group 3 <i>On the economy</i>	Companies Financial institutions Distribution companies Consumers
Group 4 <i>On public management</i>	Local councillors, mayors, regional administrators Members of parliament, party officials, political leaders Civil service managers Servicemen Foundations

b- Composition

Each workshop will reflect the geo-cultural diversity of China and Europe.

Five participants will be Chinese, from five different geographical areas with similar economic and demographic characteristics:

- Beijing area: Beijing, Tianjin, Hebei, Henan, Shandong;
- Shanghai area: Shanghai, Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Anhui, Hubei;
- Southern China: Guangdong, Hong Kong, Macao, Hainan, Fujian, Hunan, Jiangxi;
- South-west China: Chongqing, Sichuan, Guangxi, Yunnan, Guizhou, Tibet;
- North and north-west China: Xinjiang, Qinghai, Ningxia, Gansu, Shaanxi, Shanxi, Inner Mongolia, Liaoning, Jilin, Heilongjiang.

14 participants will be European, from seven different European geo-cultural regions with comparable demographic characteristics: Germany; the British Isles; Central Europe and Greece; the Benelux countries, Northern Europe and the Baltic States; France; Italy; Spain and Portugal.

The two key languages will be Mandarin and English. Basic simultaneous interpreting facilities will be available should the organisers decide to have the discussions translated into other languages.

c- Programme

This two-day block will be divided into four half-day sessions (Sessions 1 to 4).

The first two sessions (4 October) will aim to allow participants to get to know, understand and learn about one another, with half the time being devoted to presentations, the other half to discussion.

Session 1: China's major challenges

Session 2: Europe's major challenges

The following two sessions (5 October) will focus on the action to be taken.

Session 3: Responsibilities within society

Session 4: Working together on shared challenges

d- Workshop summaries and reports

At the end of each session, the **workshop leader will summarise and list the main challenges identified** in China (Session 1), and in Europe (Session 2), the challenges and responsibility of dialogue in these two regions (Session 3) and the action to be taken together on a global scale (Session 4), with the benefit of the participants' shared views.

Once this list has been compiled, it will be passed on to a "reporter-messenger" previously selected from among the workshop organisers by the coordinating team (this person could be the prime mover, leader or any other organiser).

This "reporter-messenger" will be responsible for presenting this list in a clear and homogenous manner and e-mailing it to the Paris-based coordinating team at the end of every session without fail. For logistical reasons, the reporter-messenger must draw up this list in English and in Mandarin.

2.1.2. Working list and programme of the theme-based workshops

a- The theme-based workshops will be divided into five groups:

Group	Workshop
Group 1 <i>On ethics, culture, science and education</i>	Chinese and European views of the individual and society The change to ethical reference points The challenges and advantages of Euro-Chinese dialogue The reform of Higher education The management of scientific and technical choices IT systems in the age of the Internet Nationalism and cosmopolitanism The change to education systems
Group 2 <i>On the development of society</i>	The impact of demographic change Wealth and poverty: the search for a social model The conception and management of public services
Group 3 <i>On the development of production systems and markets</i>	Polarisation of the development; regional development The position of China and Europe in the global system The capacity of economic and financial players to take a long-term view The future of rural areas in China and Europe Sustainable agri-food supply chains and systems
Group 4 <i>On governance and public affairs</i>	The search for a form of governance suited to the challenges of the 21 st century Urban design and urban governance Relations with other regions of the world Global affairs and global governance The participation of citizens in the life and the choices of society
Group 5 <i>On the relations between society and biosphere</i>	Towards a new development model and a harmonious, sustainable society Water management Energy management Land management and land ownership policies Management of ecosystems and biodiversity Management of mountain territories

b- Composition

The composition will be the same as that of the socio-professional workshops, with 5 Chinese and 14 European participants from the aforementioned geographical areas.

c- Programme

The spirit will be similar to that of the socio-professional workshops, with a balance between presentations and discussion:

- **Session 1:** China; presentation of the situation and the major challenges of the coming decades
- **Session 2:** Europe; presentation of the situation and the major challenges of the coming decades
- **Session 3:** What can be learned from the similarities and differences?
- **Session 4:** How can the dialogue between China and Europe be consolidated?

d- Workshop summaries and reports

As for the socio-professional workshops, at the end of each session, the **workshop leader will summarise and list the main challenges identified in China** (Session 1), **and in Europe** (Session 2), what can be learned from the similarities and differences (Session 3) and the means of consolidating dialogue (Session 4), with the benefit of the participants' shared views.

Once this list has been compiled, it will be passed on to a "reporter-messenger" previously selected from among the workshop organisers by the coordinating team (this person could be the prime mover, leader or any other organiser).

This "reporter-messenger" will be responsible for presenting this list in a clear and homogenous manner and e-mailing it to the Paris-based coordinating team at the end of every session without fail. For logistical reasons, the reporter-messenger must draw up this list in English and in Mandarin.

2.2. The second block: organising the work in plenary sessions

The second block will bring together all the first-block participants (around 1,000) plus guests, to Brussels.

2.2.1. General organisation

a- Methodology of the plenary sessions

The workshop reports will be a crucial feature. They will symbolise the shared journey moving from the particular to the general and from diversity to unity. **These reports will be delivered as summaries**, highlighting the major shared issues brought to light in the two workshop sessions on 4 October.

The summaries must reflect the workshop contributions, and the approach adopted to draw them up must be crystal clear. To achieve this, a **method of cartography (concept diagrams)** will be used.

Cartography method

A cartography method will be used to take stock of all the challenges, issues and leads pinpointed during the workshops. It is a tried and tested method, providing a means of presenting these challenges, issues and leads, to everyone, in the form of diagrams organised around broad themes, thus providing sharper focus for subsequent debates.

The summaries will be drafted by FPH, based on the Chinese and English lists for each workshop communicated by the "reporter-messengers":

- **One summary of Sessions 1 to 4 per workshop** (outlining the challenges facing China and Europe, the challenges and responsibility of dialogue and the action to be taken together, as identified in each socio-professional workshop; the challenges facing China and Europe, the similarities and differences, and the consolidation of dialogue, as identified in each theme-based workshop.)
- **One summary per workshop group** (nine groups altogether, i.e. four socio-professional workshop groups and five theme-based workshop groups.)

- **One summary of all the workshops per session** (outlining the challenges facing China and Europe, the challenges and responsibility of dialogue and the action to be taken together, as identified in each socio-professional workshop; the challenges facing China and Europe, the similarities and differences, and the consolidation of dialogue, as identified in each theme-based workshop.)

The participants and guests of the plenary sessions will receive a copy of all these summaries as they enter each plenary session. The summaries will also be presented to the press.

b. Programme of the plenary sessions

This second block will be organised into four half-day plenary sessions. These sessions will take on board all the work carried out in the workshops and will be a chance to present the summary of all the workshops per session. To underline the continuity between the workshop sessions and plenary sessions, we have numbered the latter from 5 to 8.

- **Session 5** (on 6 October, 11.00 am – 12.30 pm):
Opening session, giving all the workshop participants time to get to Brussels in the morning.
- **Session 6** (on 6 October, 2.30 – 6 pm):
Two presentations: on the summaries of Session 1 (China's challenges) and Session 2 (Europe's challenges).
- **Session 7** (on 7 October, 9.30 am – 1 pm):
Two presentations: on the summaries of Session 3 (challenges and responsibility of dialogue; similarities and differences) and Session 4 (action to be taken together and consolidating dialogue).
- **Session 8** (on 7 October, 3 – 4.30 pm):
Final session devoted to China and Europe's contributions to global challenges, the conclusions of this second Forum and future prospects.

c. Conception of speakers for the presentations during Sessions 6 and 7

The four presentations on the summaries of Sessions 6 and 7 will be made by four platforms, each comprising 11 speakers (one Chair to monitor speaking time, an analyst who will comment on the summary and nine reporters to add further details and shades of meaning to the analyst's contribution). There will be one reporter for each of the nine workshop groups: four socio-professional and five theme-based workshop groups.

The members of the platforms will be chosen by the coordinating team in Paris. The breakdown of Chinese and European members for each platform will reflect the Forum's ethos of sharing views and dialogue. Further details on the composition of the platforms can be found in the description of the session programme below.

d. The audience of the plenary sessions

The audience of the plenary sessions will comprise all the Chinese and European workshop participants.

The Forum will cover the accommodation expenses of the Chairs and workshop participants but not that of guests.

2.2.2. Session programme

a. Programme of Session 5

Session 5 will be devoted to the opening of the plenary sessions.

b. Programme of Session 6

Session 6 will be devoted to the **presentations on the summaries of Sessions 1 and 2** of the socio-professional and theme-based workshops (China and Europe's major challenges).

The session will take place as follows:

2.30 – 4 pm: 1 st platform, summary of Session 1 – China's major challenges
4 – 4.30 pm: break
4.30 – 6 pm: 2 nd platform, summary of Session 2 – Europe's major challenges

Each summary will be presented by the Chinese or European analysts. The presentations will then be open to comments from the platform, by each of the nine reporters from the nine workshop groups. Time permitting, the Chair of the session will take questions or comments from the floor.

The platforms for Session 6 will be constituted as follows:

1st platform on China's challenges:

The Chair of the session will be **European**.

The analyst of the platform will be **Chinese**.

Five reporters will be **European**; four will be **Chinese**.

2nd platform on Europe's challenges:

The Chair of the session will be **Chinese**.

The analyst of the platform will be **European**.

Five reporters will be **Chinese**; four will be **European**.

c. Programme of Session 7

Session 7 will be devoted to the **presentations on the summaries of the Sessions 3 and 4 of the socio-professional workshops** (Responsibilities within society; Working together on shared challenges) **and the theme-based workshops** (What can be learned from the similarities and differences? How can the dialogue between China and Europe be consolidated?)

The programme is identical to that of Session 6:

9.30 – 11 am: 3rd platform, summary of Session 3 – responsibilities, similarities and differences

11 am – 11.30 am: break

11.30 am – 1 pm: 4th platform, summary of Session 4 – action to be taken together, consolidating dialogue

Once again, questions or further comments may be raised by the floor if time permits.

The platforms for Session 7 will be constituted as follows:

3rd platform on challenges and responsibilities, similarities and differences:

The Chair of the session will be **European**.

The analyst of the platform will be **Chinese**.

Five reporters will be **European**; four will be **Chinese**.

4th platform on action to be taken together, consolidating dialogue:

The Chair of the session will be **Chinese**.

The analyst of the platform will be **European**.

Five reporters will be **Chinese**; four will be **European**.

d. Programme of Session 8

Session 8 will broaden the debate by reflecting on how China and Europe can take their global responsibilities more effectively. It will explore the way similar dialogues can be organised with the societies of other regions of the world. It will identify initiatives that Chinese and European societies might take, in conjunction with their respective governments, to improve the way they manage common global challenges.

3. The search for institutional and financial support for organising and holding the Forum

3.1 Institutional support

The Forum will bring together representatives of Chinese and European societies in all their diversity. Their dialogue will nevertheless be organised in conjunction with public institutions and with their support. On the European side, institutional support is being sought from the European Parliament, the European Commission, the Committee of the Regions, the European Economic and Social Committee and from governments of Member States and from local authorities.

On the Chinese side, support of the same kind is sought from equivalent institutions.

On the European side, we can already count on:

- the Chinese Embassy to the European Union (Brussels),
- the European Union delegation to China (Beijing),
- the Chinese Embassy in Belgium (Brussels),
- the European Commission (Brussels),

- the European Committee of the Regions (Brussels),
- the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Brussels),
- the Belgium-China Cultural Centre (Brussels),
- the People.com Web site (Beijing),
- the Belgian-Chinese Economic and Commercial Council (BCECC),
- the Catholic University of Leuven (Belgium),
- the Foundation for the future of Relations, the French Academy for moral and political science, Ms Yu Shuo (Paris),
- the European Foundation Centre (Brussels)

3.2. Financial support

In principle, the Chinese side will pay for the travel of Chinese participants to Brussels and the European side will pay for all the other expenses: travel of European participants, travel for everyone within Europe, accommodation, meeting rooms, interpreting.

The financial support envisaged will come from:

- governments and the European Commission;
- individual contributions of the European participants for their travel;
- Chinese and European foundations;
- the European cities and regions hosting the workshops;
- businesses.

The Chinese Organisation Committee is responsible for finding the financial support for its share. The European Organisation Committee is responsible for finding the support concerning European participation. The Coordinating Committee is responsible for supporting the efforts of the above and for seeking financial resources for joint expenses: rooms, methodological support, reception, organisation costs.

4. The preparatory process

4.1 The Forum organisation team

The successful organisation of a forum on this scale requires a great deal of talent, energy, enthusiasm and networks, which implies an intimate mix of professionalism and commitment.

The Charles Leopold Mayer Foundation for Human Progress (FPH) has taken on the general coordination of the Forum.

In China, coordination will be handled by the People's University, in particular by the Professor Song Xinning, liaising with the Chinese Diplomatic Institute and the co-organising foundations. A Forum Secretariat had been set up in the People's University in Beijing and in the Sun Yat-sen University in Canton to achieve participant diversity. In Europe, the

organising team will comprise two sections: in Brussels led by Professor Gustaaf Geeraerts (BICCS); in Paris, the Charles Leopold Mayer Foundation.

4.2. Organisation of the workshops

4.2.1 The Prime Mover

For each socio-professional circle and each theme a "Prime Mover", will be chosen, if possible already linked to the Organisation Committee, who will be responsible for organising the workshops and preparatory dossiers.

Bearing in mind the stress being laid on the theme of responsibility, the "Prime Mover" must, as far as possible, be already noted for his or her reflections on this theme.

4.2.2 Drawing up the preparatory dossiers

Both on the Chinese and European side, the coordinator will be responsible for gathering in different languages the most significant texts for the socio-professional circle or the theme. These texts will be summarised in Chinese and English.

A summary document in Chinese and English will be prepared for each workshop.

4.3 The choice of participants

All the primer movers will propose participants and the choice of participants will be made, ultimately, under the responsibility of the Forum Founding Committee 2 and on the proposal of the Organisation Committees, according to three criteria:

- the expertise and commitment of the participants approached and how representative they are;
- the diversity of their points of view;
- a good geographical distribution.

To this end, both on the Chinese and European side, the organisers will secure the opinion of a significant number of figures and institutions who are familiar with the realities of the two societies.

Invitations to participate will result from a consideration of these opinions. In the fields or socio-professional circles that have representative or specialised institutions, representatives of these institutions will be invited, but not in an exclusive way, with room being made for independent points of view. Similarly, where in a field or socio-professional circle there is a public or private cooperation service between China and Europe, this will be asked for assistance but may not claim a monopoly of the dialogue.

5. The Media Coverage

5.1. The Forum's Web site

The Forum's Web site is now open to the public. It will be rounded up by a "resources site" presenting all the contributions for reflection. In this "resources site", each workshop will have one section and will make up a "folder". The texts relating to the workshop, whether they be general information texts or specific creations by the participants in order to open up the dialogue, will be brought together in this folder. Summaries in English and Chinese will be

made for the main documents. They will be brought together on the Forum's intranet in the "documents" database, using a uniform presentation format, and then put on the web site.

Anyone accessing the Forum's web site will be able to send the coordination team the documents that he or she would like to see appear in the folder of a workshop.

5.2. The link with the Internet forum People.com

The People's Daily several years ago in its Internet Department (people.com) created an interactive forum for debate in Chinese for Internet users.

For the last five years, People.com has been organizing a monthly forum with the Charles Léopold Mayer Foundation for Human Progress, devoted to dialogue between China and the rest of the world and, often, to dialogue between China and Europe. People.com for instance covered the first China-Europa Forum in Nansha with an interactive forum. People.com will participate in the preparation of this second event with a bimonthly Internet forum bringing together Chinese and European web users from the same background or on the same theme.

5.3. The choice of newspapers and journals to partner the Forum

Both in China and Europe, several major newspapers or journals interested in the issues of society and in international problems will be approached to open up their columns to the preparatory debates and to gather reactions and proposals from readers.

Constituent Charter of the China-Europa Forum

Given the success of the first China-Europa Forum, held in Nansha, China, in October 2005, an isolated event has been transformed into a regular fixture for exchange between Chinese and European societies. This text is a draft for this fixture.

1. The Objectives

- To enable Chinese and European societies to become aware of the way in which they have long benefited from their exchanges and to allow them to draw on each other's experiences and thoughts, in order to implement those changes which are conducive to a truly sustainable means of development;
- To ensure that the combined Chinese and European efforts and the recognition of a shared heritage and joint challenges all contribute to the formation of a global community and a democratic, efficient and legitimate global governance which is founded on dialogue between major regions, with a view to harmonious, peaceful and solidary development at global level;
- To generate further bilateral or multilateral dialogue between regions of the world.

2. The Ethics

- Dialogue shall reflect mutual respect; it shall extend beyond the classic forms of diplomacy or economic trade; it shall marshal the best of each society's self-knowledge in a clear and simple manner;
- As far as possible, exchanges between the two societies shall rally together people and institutions that play or have played an active role in transforming their own societies and that are committed to sharing their experiences to guide future developments;
- Analysis of the past shall never aim to pass judgement on people or civilisations, but to foster future developments;
- The Forum shall not replace the numerous existing cooperation mechanisms, since each one has its own *raison d'être*. The Forum aims to become a platform for dialogue conducive to new cooperation initiatives, which in turn are able to find their own wings without requiring support from the Forum;
- The Forum shall not endeavour to build Sino-European coalitions which are directed against third parties, such as the US in particular. On the contrary, it would like the exchanges it instigates to also be useful for other inter-regional or global discussions;
- At meetings held during the Forum, participants shall intervene on a personal level, in compliance with the confidentiality regulations when required. The Forum shall not be a channel for expressing institutions' points of view: there are other existing means for inter-institutional negotiations. When freedom of speech is incompatible with exercising institutional responsibility, the Forum shall give priority to those players who, thanks to their age in particular, have experience, but who are not sworn to secrecy as a result of their current responsibilities;
- The Forum shall be pluralist both in terms of the players invited to participate and the philosophical, political or religious movements they represent;
- The Forum shall place special emphasis on diversity and unity. All participants shall be

willing to acknowledge their counterparts' particularities. Yet together, they shall seek to establish sustainable and solidary management of the challenges faced by humanity as a whole.

3. The Guarantors of the Constituent Charter

A group of eight founders, behind the first Forum, are the personal guarantors for the implementation of this Constituent Charter. In case of persistent breach of the Charter by Forum participants or protagonists, this group of eight founders shall decide without appeal. The group comprises the following members:

- Mr Wu Jianmin, former Ambassador, President of the Chinese Diplomatic Institute
- Mr Ho Kinlap, Secretary-General of the Henri Fok Foundation
- Mr Song Xinning, Professor of International Relations at the People's University
- Mr Chen Yan, Board member of the Association of Chinese Intellectuals in Europe
- Mr Michel Rocard, former French Prime Minister and President of the European Delegation at the first Forum in Nansha.
- Mr Georges Berthoin, former Head of Jean Monnet's Cabinet, Honorary Chairman of the European Movement
- Mr Pierre Calame, Director of the Charles Léopold Mayer Foundation for Human Progress
- Mr Paul Trân Van Thinh, former Ambassador to the European Union

In case of resignation or decease of one of the founding members, the College of Guarantors is renewed by cooptation with a two-thirds majority.

4 The Working Procedures

4.1 The organisation of the Forum is based on the preparation for, holding of and follow-up to the "China-Europa Forums" held every two years in China or Europe successively. These events embody the objectives and ethics of the Forum.

4.2 The choosing of speakers and the programme for these biennial events is a chance for extensive debate on the challenges faced by Chinese and European societies. Preparing for the Forums is an opportunity to draw up summaries to the benefit of both parties. The workshops held during the Forums are of an interactive nature, enabling conclusions to be drawn and potential action to be pinpointed. Particular attention is paid to the follow-up stage, both by making full use of the preparatory documents and workshop conclusions and by following up the leads for cooperation which emerge during the event.

4.3 To reflect the efforts towards ongoing, long-term dialogue between China and Europe, **the Forum is setting up a resource Web site in Chinese, French and English** (other European languages may be added should the Forum acquire the necessary means) to publicise the work carried out at these biennial events, the documents drawn up to this effect and the follow-up given.

China-Europa Forum MODES OF PARTNERSHIP

Universities, local authorities, non-governmental organisations or private bodies wishing to become involved in the China-Europa Forum will find below a brief description of the themes, the way it is organised and the modes of partnership available to them.

Organisations wishing to become involved in the China-Europa Forum can assume responsibility for part of the organisational work, for one or more workshops, or contribute to its overall functioning by making a donation. All commitments are registered in a Convention drawn up with the main coordinator (The Charles Léopold Mayer Foundation for Human Progress – FPH).

To organise a socio-professional or theme-based workshop, the **organisers** and **prime movers** must take on the following tasks:

1. The organisers (or partners thereof) are responsible for:

Handling the logistics:

- Making hotel reservations for participants, interpreters and reporter-messengers (at least 22 people);
- Meeting participants at the train station or airport, ensuring their transfer to their hotel and meeting venues, then taking them back to the train station or airport etc. afterwards;
- Booking the meeting rooms and equipment (basic interpreting equipment can be provided);
- Organising the catering services;
- Ensuring the participants' well-being (health insurance will cover the Chinese participants);

Organising the financial aspect of the workshops, to support the coordinating team (FPH):

- Bringing together the necessary support for financial closure, which will be guaranteed by FPH if necessary. A Convention will be proposed by FPH to this effect;
- Once the broad outline of closure has been established, organisers will receive the advance funding necessary for the launch of the workshops, if necessary from FPH;

Providing budgetary management of the workshop and performance reporting.

Helping the two prime movers of each workshop (one Chinese and one European) to design and produce the workshop.

2. The prime movers (or group of people in charge) are responsible for:

Taking responsibility for organising and designing their workshop. We expect them to get involved, take initiatives and cooperate closely with the Forum's coordinating team. They will vouch for the Forum's spirit, format and method. They must also guarantee that their workshop scenario is in line with the general theme of their workshop group.

Making the intellectual preparations for the workshop:

- designing and preparing the workshop scenario and drawing up a preparatory document for the workshop (theme and key questions);
- gathering, publishing online and analysing the documents on the resources site, and drafting summaries;
- sending preparatory documents and the addresses, biographies and correspondence of Forum participants to the coordinating team;
- leading pre-Forum exchanges between participants.

Making the practical preparations for the workshops

- finding a venue for the workshop (local authorities, companies or foundations);
- suggesting European or Chinese participants to the Founding Committee, for approval;
- suggesting a leader, an organiser, local coordinators, interpreters and translators for the workshop;
- taking part in the search for funds.

Steering the media coverage of the workshop, even if they can benefit from the Forum's general communication plan.

BUDGET OF A WORKSHOP

COST PER WORKSHOP		PU	Qty	Total
EQUIPMENT TRANSLATION ORGANISAT.				
Preparatory Documents		2 500	1	2 500
Interpretation / translation		4 000	1	4 000
Communication		2 000	1	2 000
Moderating and organising workshops		2 300	1	2 300
Sub-total equipment, translation, organisation				10 800
TRANSPORT				
Transport to workshop venues for				
European participants				
Northern Europe (2 people)	trans./pers allowance	400	2	800
Central Europe (9 people)	trans./pers allowance	400	9	3 600
Southern Europe (3 people)	trans./pers allowance	400	3	1 200
Sub total. transport European participants				5 600
Transport for Chinese participants				
Flights. China-Brussels (5 people)	trans./pers allowance	900	5	4 500
Visas		40	5	200
Sub tot. transport Chinese participants				4 700
Transport for Assistants				
Telegraphists - Cartographers (2 people)	trans./pers allowance	400	2	800
Interpreters (2 people)	trans./pers allowance	400	2	800
Sub tot. Transport for assistants				1 600
Transports within Europe				
From workshop venues to Brussels	trans./pers allowance	200	23	4 600
Sub total transport				16 500
ACCOMMODATION, FOOD, ROOMS				
Accommodation for 3 nights (3, 4 and 5 oct.)	Accomm.	300	23	6 900
Food 5 meals	Food allow./per	100	23	2 300
Drinks, 4 coffee breaks	allowance/ pers.	20	23	460
Room rental		200	1	200
Sub tot. Accommodation, food, rooms				9 860
TOTAL PER WORKSHOP				37 160

OVERALL BUDGET

All bodies that wish to become involved with the Forum by means of financial participation can make a contribution to this provisional budget. A detailed dossier will be sent to them by the organiser.

COSTS				PRODUCTS	
WORKSHOP COSTS	P.U.	Qté	Total		
(without transport)	20 660	49	1 012 340	European Union	150 000
				Local authorities	450 000
PLENARY COST			379 160	European Foundations	100 000
				Chinese Foundations	100 000
				Foundation Charles Léopold Mayer	1 100 000
TRANSPORT	16 500	49	808 500	Private funding	300 000
TOTAL COSTS			2 200 000		2 200 000

DETAILED LIST OF WORKSHOPS

1 Social-professional workshops (WS) :

WS1: On the evolution and transmission of values, knowledge and information

- WS11 Place and Role of Religion in an harmonious Society
- WS12 Artists
- WS13 Scientists and Experts
- WS14 Academics
- WS15 Journalists and the media

WS2 On society

- WS21 Women
- WS22 Young people
- WS23 Migrants (both internal and from abroad)
- WS24 Civil Society Organizations; NGOs
- WS25 Business Executives
- WS26 Public and Private Sector Employees, Trade Unions
- WS27 Farmers and Fishermen
- WS28 Inhabitants

WS3 On the economy

- WS31 Companies
- WS32 Institutions of the Financial Sector
- WS33 Distribution Companies
- WS34 Consumers

WS4 On public management

- WS41 Local Councillors, Town Mayors, Regional Administrators
- WS42 Members of Parliament, Party Officials, Political Leaders
- WS43 Civil Service Managers
- WS44 Servicemen
- WS45 Foundations

2 Theme-based workshops (WS) :

WT1 On ethics, culture, sciences and education

- WT11 Chinese and European views of the individuals and society
- WT12 The change to ethical reference points in China and in Europe
- WT13 The challenges and advantages of Euro-Chinese dialogue
- WT14 the reform of higher education system
- WT15 The management of scientific and technical choices
- WT16 IT systems in the age of the Internet
- WT17 Nationalism and cosmopolitanism
- WT18 The change to education systems

WT2 On the development of society

- WT21 The impact of demographic change
- WT22 Wealth and poverty: the search for a social model
- WT23 The conception and management of public services

WT3 on the evolution of the systems of production and trade

- WT31 The polarization of development; regional development
- WT32 The position of China and Europe in the global system
- WT33 The capacity of economic and financial players to take a long-term view
- WT34 The future of rural areas in China and Europe
- WT35 Sustainable agri-food supply chains and systems

WT4 On governance and public affairs

- WT41 The search for a form of governance suited to the challenges of the 21st century
- WT42 Urban design and urban governance
- WT43 Relations with other regions of the world
- WT44 Global affairs and global governance
- WT45 The participation of citizens in the life and choices of society

WT5 On the participation of citizens in the life and choices of society

- WT51 Towards a new development model and a sustainable and harmonious society
- WT52 Water management
- WT53 Energy management
- WT54 Land management and land ownership policies
- WT55 Management of ecosystem and biodiversity
- WT56 Management of mountain territories