

EU-China Relations: Chronology
(This list of events is not exhaustive)

1975	May	Diplomatic relations established. Christopher Soames first European Commissioner to visit China
1978	2 May	Trade agreement EEC-China signed. Inter alia, establishes Joint Committee
1979	February	Roy Jenkins visits China. First visit of a Commission President. Meets Deng Xiaoping
	July	First meeting of the Joint Committee in Beijing
	18 July	(First) agreement on textile trade
1980	16-19 June	First inter-parliamentary meeting between delegations of the EP and of the National People's Congress, Strasbourg.
1983		Launch of first science and technology cooperation program
1984		First political consultations at ministerial level, in the context of European Political Cooperation
		Launch of first cooperation projects in China (Management training and rural development)
1985	21-23 May	Agreement on trade and economic cooperation signed
1988	4 October	Opening of the Delegation of the European Commission in Beijing
1989	June	As a reaction to Tian An Men incidents of 4 June, EC freezes relations with China and imposes a number of sanctions, including an arms embargo
1990	October	Council and EP decide to re-establish bilateral relations step by step
1992		EC-China relations largely back to normal; arms embargo remains in place
	June	Launch of environmental dialogue
	June	Establishment of a new bilateral political dialogue
1993	October	Opening of Commission office in Hong Kong
1995	15 July	European Commission publishes first Communication "A long-term policy for China-Europe relations"
		Launch of a specific dialogue on human rights issues
1996	1-2 March	First Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM); China and EU are active participants
1998	25 March	European Commission publishes Communication "Building a Comprehensive Partnership with China"
	2 April	1st EU-China Summit, London
	22 December	Agreement on scientific and technological cooperation signed
1999	21 December	2nd EU-China Summit, Beijing
2000	19 May	Bilateral agreement on China's WTO accession signed in Beijing
	11 July	Visit of Prime Minister Zhu Rongji in Brussels (first visit of a Chinese Premier to the Commission)
	24 October	3rd EU-China Summit, Beijing
2001	15 May	European Commission publishes Communication "EU Strategy towards China: Implementation of the 1998 Communication and Future Steps for a more Effective EU Policy"
	5 September	4th EU-China Summit, Brussels
	17 September	New Information Society Working Group launched
	25 -26 October	Human Rights Dialogue, Beijing
	13 November	Ministerial Troika, New York (in the margin of UN General Assembly)
	30 November	Political Directors Troika, Beijing
	8 December	Human Rights Seminar, Brussels
	11 December	China becomes the 143rd Member of the World Trade Organisation

2002	30-31 January	EC-China Joint Committee, Brussels.
	1 March	Release of China country Strategy paper 2002-2006
	5-6 March	Human Rights Dialogue, Madrid
	28 March-4 April	Visit of Commissioner Patten to China
	16 May	Launch of negotiations on Chinese participation in GALILEO
	June	Exchange of letters strengthening the EU-China political dialogue
	24 September	5th EU-China Summit, Copenhagen
	13-15 November	Human Rights Dialogue, Beijing
	6 December	EU-China maritime transport agreement signed
2003	14 February	EU-China Ministerial Troika held in Beijing
	5-6 March	Human Rights Dialogue, Athens
	10 March	EC opens European Economic and Trade Office in Taiwan
	3 June	China formally requests market economy status under EU's anti-dumping instrument
	30 June	Ministerial Troika, Athens
	10 September	European Commission adopts policy paper "A maturing partnership: shared interests and challenges in EU-China relations"
	13 October	EU Council of Ministers endorses Commission policy paper "A maturing partnership"
	13 October	China releases first ever policy paper on EU
	30 October	6th EU-China Summit, Beijing: Agreements signed on - cooperation in the Galileo satellite navigation program - Industrial Policy Dialogue - EU-China Dialogue on Intellectual Property
	26-27 November	Human Rights Dialogue, Beijing
2004	10-11 February	EU-China Seminar on the two Policy Papers issued in October held in Beijing, leading to "Guidelines for Common Action"
	12 February	Signing of MOU on Approved Destination Status (the "Tourism Agreement")
	26-27 February	Human Rights Dialogue, Dublin
	26 February	Political Directors Troika, Beijing
	16 April	Commission President Romano Prodi visits China
	6 May	Chinese PM Wen Jiabao visits Commission Headquarters, new dialogue initiatives signed; customs cooperation agreement initialed; political leaders recommend that the "Guidelines for Common Action" are implemented
	26 May	5 th High Level Consultations on Illegal Migration and trafficking of human beings, Brussels
	24 September	Human rights dialogue, Beijing
	8 October	Ministerial Troika, Hanoi
	12 November	Geographical Directors' Troika, Beijing
	8 December	7th EU-China Summit, The Hague: the EU and China signed - Joint declaration on Non-proliferations and Arms Control - EU-China Customs Cooperation Agreement - Agreement on R&D cooperation on the peaceful use of nuclear energy
2005	24-25 February	Human Rights Dialogue, Luxembourg
	11 May	Ministerial Troika, Beijing
	30 June-1 July	EU-China Civil Aviation Summit, Beijing
	7 July	First ADS Committee ("Tourism Agreement") Meeting, Beijing
	14-18 July	Commission President José Manuel Barroso visits China
	5 September	8th EU-China Summit, Beijing: the EU and China signed: - MoU on labour, employment and social affairs - Joint Statement on cooperation in space exploitation, science & technology development - Joint declaration on climate change
	25-27 October	Human Rights Dialogue, Beijing
	4 November	EC-China Joint Committee, Brussels
	20 December	1 st EU-China Strategic Dialogue, London, UK
2006	January	EU-China MoU on food safety is signed in Beijing
ast update: 3Jl		Ministerial Troika, Vienna
	20 February	Commission and Chinese Government sign a MoU on cooperation on near- zero emissions power generation technology

	27 March	Political Directors Troika, Beijing
	30 March	The first EU-China bilateral consultations under the Climate Change Partnership are held, Vienna
	6 April	Geographical Directors Troika, Brussels
	15 May	EU-China Dialogue on Regional Cooperation initialed
	25-26 May	Human Rights Dialogue, Vienna
	6 June	2 nd EU-China Strategic Dialogue
	9 September	9th EU-China Summit, Helsinki: the EU and China agree on opening negotiations for a new comprehensive framework agreement
	11 October	Official launch of China-EU Science and Technology Year
	19 October	Human Rights Dialogue, Beijing
	24 October	Commission adopts Communication "EU-China: Closer Partners, growing responsibilities" and a policy paper on trade and investment
	7 November	EC-China Joint Committee, Beijing
	7 December	The first Macroeconomic Dialogue is held
	11 December	The Council endorses the Commission Communication and adopts related Council Conclusions
2007	16-18 January	Commissioner for External Relations Ferrero-Waldner visits Beijing: launch of negotiations on a Partnership and Cooperation Agreement
	5 March	Geographical Directors Troika, Beijing
	3 May	Commission and ECB discuss economic policy issues with Chinese counterparts, Beijing, China
	8 May	Political Directors Troika, Brussels
	15-16 May	Human Rights Dialogue, Berlin, Germany
	11-12 June	EC-China Joint Committee, Brussels
	22 June	1 st Meeting of the EU-China Civil Society Round Table, Beijing, China
	17-18 October	Human Rights Dialogue, Beijing, China
	25 October	3 rd EU-China Strategic Dialogue, Lisbon
	14 November	2 nd Meeting of the EU-China Civil Society Round Table, Brussels
	28 November	Euro-zone Troika and Chinese counterparts, Beijing, China
	28 November	10th EU-China Summit, Beijing: the EU and China - established High Level Economic and Trade Dialogue - agreed to enhance cooperation on climate change
2008	11 March	Geographical Directors' Troika, Brussels
	24-25 April	President José Manuel Barroso and nine Commissioners meet with their counterparts in Beijing
	25 April	1 st EU-China High Level Economic and Trade Dialogue, Beijing
	15 May	Political Directors' Troika, Beijing
	15 May	Human Rights Dialogue, Brdo, Slovenia
	9 June	EU-China Ministerial Troika, Ljubljana
	11 June	Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi visits Brussels
	23-26 June	3 rd Meeting of the EU-China Civil Society Roundtable, Beijing, China
	24-25 September	EC-China Joint Committee, Beijing
	6-7 November	4 th Meeting of the EU-China Civil Society Roundtable, Paris, France
	28 November	Human Rights Dialogue, Beijing
2009	19 January	4 th EU-China Strategic Dialogue, Beijing
	30 January	Chinese Prime Minister Wen Jiabao visits Brussels
	29-30 March	Commissioner B. Ferrero-Waldner's visit to China
	7-8 May	2 nd EU-China High Level Economic and Trade Dialogue, Brussels, Belgium
	18-19 May	5 th meeting of the EU-China Civil Society Round Table, Tianjin, China
	20 May	11th EU-China Summit, Prague, Czech Republic: the EU and China - addressed the issues of the financial crisis and climate change.
	14 May	Human Rights Dialogue, Prague, Czech Republic
	27 May	EU-China Ministerial Troika, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
	28 October	6 th meeting of the EU-China Civil Society Round Table, Stockholm, Sweden
	18 November	Political Directors' Troika, Stockholm, Sweden
	20 November	Human Rights Dialogue, Beijing, China

	29 November	Euro-zone Troika and Chinese counterparts, Nanjing, China
	29 November	EU-China Ministerial Troika, Nanjing, China
	30 November	12th EU-China Summit, Nanjing, China: the EU and China - agreed to speed up the negotiations on the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement - agreed to strengthen people-to-people exchanges and cultural cooperation
	17 December	5 th EU-China Strategic Dialogue, Stockholm, Sweden
2010	28 January	EU High Representative C. Ashton meeting with FM Yang Jiechi in margins of London Conference on Afghanistan
	5 February	China experts Group meeting
	24-27 February	PCA negotiations, Beijing
	16 March	Regional Directors' Troika, Brussels, Belgium
	12 April	Meeting between President Van Rompuy and President Hu (Washington, on the margins of the Nuclear Security Summit)
	26 April-2 May	College visit (President Barroso, EU High Representative C. Ashton) to Beijing and Shanghai
	6 May	Celebration of the 35 th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the EU and China
	21 May	24 th EU-China Joint Committee
	26-29 June	29 th EU-China Human Rights Dialogue, Madrid, Spain
	29 August- 4 September	EU High Representative C. Ashton's visit to China (including first round of the High Level Strategic Dialogue and Foreign Ministerial meeting)
	14 September	PCA negotiations, Brussels
	6 October	13th EU-China Summit, Brussels: the EU and China addressed issues related to global governance (sustainable growth in a post crisis-world economy), trade and investment and how to strengthen our political dialogue
	6-7 October	High Level Cultural Forum
	29-30 November	Chinese State Councilor Ma Kai visits Brussels
2011	10-14 January	EU-China Year of Youth, official opening ceremony in Brussels
	21-28 February	EU-China Year of Youth, official opening ceremony in Beijing
	25 March	Chinese Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs FU Ying visits Brussels
	1 April	Visit of Lu Zhongyuan, office of Premier Wen, to Brussels: Presentation of China's 12 th Five-Year-Plan
	12 May	2 nd EU-China High Level Strategic Dialogue, Gödöllő, Hungary
	15-18 May 2011	President Van Rompuy's visit to China
	17-23 May	European Youth Week in Brussels and around Europe
	4-11 July	EU-China Youth Culture Week and EU-China Forum on Sustainable Development in Beijing and Xi'an
	7 June	EU High Representative C. Ashton met FM Yang in the margins of the ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting, Gödöllő, Hungary
	14 July	EU-China Joint Committee, Beijing
	9-15 August	EU-China Youth Festival for Universiade and EU-China Forum for Participation in Shenzhen
	4-11 September	EU-China Volunteer Bridge in Brussels in the framework of the 2011 EU-China year of Youth
	5-9 September	Human Rights Dialogue, Beijing
	8 September	EU-China Political Directors' Dialogue, Brussels
	21 September	EU High Representative C. Ashton met FM Yang at the margins of the UNGA, NY
	19-22 September	Visit of COO O'Sullivan to Beijing (Summit preparations; consultations on the PCA negotiations)
	20-27 October	EU-China Youth Leaders Summit in Beijing
	24-25 October	EU High Representative C. Ashton's visit to China
	16 November	6 th Round of EU-China Consultations on African Affairs, Brussels
2012	17 January	EU High Representative C. Ashton met State Counselor Dai Bingguo, New Delhi
	1 February	Launch of 2012 EU-China Year of Intercultural

		Dialogue by A. Vassiliou, European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth, and Cai Wu, Minister of Culture of the People's Republic of China, Brussels
	14 February	14th EU-China Summit, Beijing: the EU and China discussed bilateral issues including Strategic partnership, trade, climate change. They announced new initiatives: partnership on sustainable urbanisation; high-level people-to- people dialogue; reinforced cooperation on energy.
	18 April	Launching of the EU-China High Level People-to-People Dialogue by Ms A. Vassiliou, European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth and Ms Liu Yandong, State Councilors of the People's Republic of China (Brussels).
	3 May	Visit of vice-prime minister Li Keqiang to Brussels First EU-China High Level Meeting on Energy Launching of the EU-China Partnership for Urbanisation
	28-31 May	Third EU-China High Level Political Parties' and Groups' Forum, Brussels
	29-31 May	Human Rights Dialogue, Brussels
	30 May	EU High Representative C. Ashton met Wang Jiarui, Minister of the International Department of CPC Central Committee, Beijing.
	31 May	EU-China Joint Committee, Brussels
	8-13 June	Visit of D. Ciolos, European Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development to China
	14-16 June	Visit of K. Georgieva, European Commissioner for International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response to China; Launch of EU-China Disaster Risk Management Project and inauguration of the China-EU Institute of Emergency Management/Beijing
	6-9 July	Crisis management talks between EU (CMPD-Crisis Management and Planning) and the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Defence, Beijing
	9-10 July	The Third EU-China High Level Strategic Dialogue, Beijing
	20 July	EU-China Political Director's Dialogue, Beijing
	19-20 September	1 st EU-China Mayors Forum, Brussels
	20 September	15th EU-China Summit, Brussels. Leaders discussed economic and financial issues, trade relations including enhanced market access, public procurement and export credits, further cooperation within the EU-China Strategic Partnership and international issues (Syria, Iran, East Asia). It was the 10 th and last EU-China Summit attended by PM Wen Jiabao
	20 September	8 th EU-China Business Summit, Brussels
	19-21 October	Visit to China of Hedegaard , Commissioner for Climate Action. Bilateral meeting with Mr Xie Zhenhua, Vice Chairman of National Development & Reform Commission (NDRC)
	29 November- 1 December	Visit to China of Vassiliou, Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth; bilateral meeting with HPPD counterpart, State Councillor Liu and Mr. Cai Wu, Minister of Culture; closing ceremony of the EU-China Year of Intercultural Dialogue, the adoption of a new Joint Declaration on EU-China Cultural Cooperation
2013	19-21 March	Training Seminar with Chinese military staff in Brussels
	11-12 April	12 th Meeting of the EU-China Round Table, European Economic and Social Committee, Brussels
	25 April	1 st meeting of the EU-China Higher Education Platform for Cooperation and Exchanges, Brussels
	25-28 April	EU High Representative C. Ashton visit to China. Bilateral meetings with Chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference Yu Zhengsheng, State Councillor Yang Jiechi, Minister of Foreign Affairs Wang Yi, and State Councillor and Defence Minister General Chang Wanquan.
	27 May	Trade and Investment Policy Dialogue (TIPD), Brussels.
	4-7 June	Visit of Borg, Commissioner of Health to China.
	18-22 June	4 EPP Vice-Presidents visit to China (Mayor Oreja, Weber, Marinescu and Szajer)
	21 June	EU-China Joint Committee in Beijing (De Gucht, Commissioner for Trade)
	24-26 June	Human Rights Dialogue in Guiyang (Guizhou), China

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	15-20 July	EP Delegation for relations with the PRC - Interparliamentary meeting (IPM) (Combined with a visit to HK/Macao on 18-19 July)
	18-20 July	Visit to China of Tajani, Vice- President for Industry and Entrepreneurship, and Potocnik, Commissioner for the Environment (leading a "Mission for Growth" delegation consisting of 80 entrepreneurs)
	18-21 July (Mongolia) / 21-24 July (China)	Visit to China of Cioclos, Commissioner for agriculture and rural development.
	19-21 July	Eco Forum Global (EFG) Annual Conference 2013 in Guiyang: participation
	7 August	Political Dialogue Meeting of the Global Disarmament and Arms Control and Non-Proliferation Working Groups with China (Beijing)
	30 August	Visit of the European Parliament ECR Group, after visiting Mainland China
	9-18 September	Visit EUSR for Human Rights to China, including Qinghai and TAR. (Stavros Lambrinidis)
	14 October	EU-China HL Dialogue on Migration and Mobility , Brussels.
	15 October	EU-China Dialogue on Public Procurement in Beijing.
	24 October	High-Level Economic and Trade Dialogue in Brussels.
	4-8 November	Visit to China of L. Andor, EU Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion.
	13-15 November	EU-Hong Kong Structured Dialogue in Hong Kong and EU-Macao Joint Committee / Asia & Pacific Joint Press & Information Officers & Political Officers Regional Seminar in Macao.
	13-15 November	Visit to China of Commissioner Georgieva: CCICED (China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development) meeting + EU China Disaster Risk Management activities
	18-19 November	8th EU-China Dialogue on Agriculture in Beijing.
	21 November	16th EU-China Summit including Dinner in honour of the two Presidents hosted by President Xi. Adoption of the EU-China 2020 Strategic Agenda for Cooperation which covers the following issues: peace and security, prosperity, sustainable development and people-to-people exchanges. The following sides events took place: Urbanisation Forum (21/11), sub-fora and exhibition, High Level Dialogue on Cooperation and Innovation and, 8 th EU-China High-Level Dialogue on Regional Policy Cooperation.
	22-23 November	President Barroso visit to Hong Kong and Macao. 20th anniversary of EU-Macao Trade and Cooperation Agreement
2014	3 January / 6-7 January	Visit of M. Barnier EU Commissioner on Internal Market and Services paid a visit to Hong Kong and Beijing.
	15-16 January	Visit to China of Rehn, Vice-President for Economic and Monetary Affairs, and the Euro, and President of the Eurogroup Jeroen Dijsselbloem
	20-24 January	1st round of the EU-China Investment Agreement negotiations, held in Beijing
	23-25 January	Visit to China of the EUSR for Central Asia
	27 January	4th Annual High-level Strategic Dialogue postponed from 2013, Brussels.

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