EU-CHINA URBANISATION PARTNERSHIP

A high level conference *
organised by the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC)
Friends of Europe and the Mission of the People’s Republic of China to the European Union
in cooperation with
the Committee of the Regions and the European Economic and Social Committee

Thursday, 3 May 2012, Concert Noble, Brussels

08.00 – 09.00 Welcome and registration of participants

Plenary Session
09.00 – 09.50 EU-CHINA COOPERATION ON URBANISATION

The launch of the EU-China Partnership on Sustainable Urbanisation has added a practical and
dynamic new element into EU-China relations. Given the array of challenges they face in adapting
to the “urban century”, China and Europe have a strong interest in working together to build better
cities.

Speakers:

Vice President of the European Commission

Mercedes Bresso
President of the Committee of the Regions (CoR)

Staffan Nilsson
President of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

Günther Oettinger
European Commissioner for Energy

Li Keqiang
Vice Premier of the People’s Republic of China

Co-moderated by Xu Xianping, Vice Minister of the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) and Philip Lowe, European Commission Director General for Energy

09.50 – 10.15 Coffee break

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Session I
10.15 – 11.30

SUSTAINABLE CITY PLANNING

How can China and Europe join forces to meet the demands of China’s urban billion including the search for new models in sustainable, low-carbon, city planning to provide better homes, cleaner streets, food, energy, sanitation, healthcare and education to city-dwellers?

Speakers:

Zhang Lijun
Vice Minister of Environmental Protection, China

David O’Sullivan
Chief Executive Officer of the European External Action Service (EEAS)

Guo Jinlong
Mayor of Beijing, China

Javier Maroto Aranzábal
Mayor of Vitoria, the European Green Capital 2012, Spain

Gérard Magnin
Executive Director of Energy-Cities

Ge Honglin
Mayor of Chengdu, China

Co-moderated by Giles Merritt, Secretary General of Friends of Europe and Shada Islam, Head of Policy of Friends of Europe

11.30 – 12.00
Coffee break
**Session II**  
**12.00 –13.15**

**URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE AND MOBILITY**

What are the key infrastructure challenges facing modern cities as they struggle to cope with increasingly mobile urbanites, increased traffic and problems of waste disposal and management and how can EU and China work together to meet them?

**Speakers:**

- **Chen Yuan**  
  Governor of the National Development Bank, China

- **Qiu Baoxing**  
  Vice Minister of the Chinese Ministry of Housing and Urban Rural Development (MOHURD)

- **Ilmar Reepalu**  
  Mayor of Malmö, Sweden

- **Jan Olbrycht MEP**  
  Chairman of the European Parliament Urban Intergroup

- **Klaus Wowereit (tbc)**  
  Mayor of Berlin, Germany

- **Xu Qin**  
  Mayor of Shenzhen, China

Co-moderated by **Giles Merritt**, Secretary General of Friends of Europe and **Shada Islam**, Head of Policy of Friends of Europe

**13.15 – 13.30**

**CLOSING SESSION**

**Speakers:**

- **Xu Xianping**  
  Vice Minister of the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), China

- **Philip Lowe**  
  European Commission Director General for Energy

**13.30 – 14.30**

**End of forum and networking lunch**

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