

EU-China Dialogue Architecture – main elements\*

Summit  
Annual

Presidents of the European Council and Commission

I Pillar - Political Dialogue

High level Strategic Dialogue  
Annual  
HR/VP

Political Directors  
Dialogue (annual)

Regional Directors  
Dialogue (annual)

Meetings between  
Chinese Foreign Affairs Minister  
and EU HoMs

Regular Dialogue on  
security and defence policy

Human Rights Dialogue  
(2 x year)

HL consultation on  
migration and  
readmission

Dialogue on  
African issues

Dialogue on  
development

Crisis Management  
Consultation

Consultation on Latin  
America and Carribean

Regular experts meetings on:

Meetings of EVSRs and  
special envoys

Asian Affairs

Non-proliferation

Conventional  
arms export

EU-China  
Task Force on  
Cyber Issues

II Pillar - Economic and Sectoral Dialogue

HL Economic and Trade Dialogue  
Annual  
VP responsible for Competition, for Economic Affairs; Trade Commissioner

Joint Committee  
Ministerial  
SOM

Trade and Investment Policy Dialogue

Economic and Trade Working Group

Dialogues established in the framework/with reference to the 1985 Trade and  
Economic Cooperation Agreement (as of 11/2011)

Environment  
Dialogue/WG

Energy Working  
Group/  
Conference

Information  
society  
Dialogue/WG

Dialogues/WGs on  
enterprise/industrial  
policy and regulation

Dialogue on  
competition policy

TDI Working  
Group

Market Economy  
Status Working  
Group

High Tech  
Working Group

Dialogue on  
food safety  
and consumer  
protection

Dialogue/WG  
on Intellectual  
Property Rights

Regular exchanges  
on sanitary and  
phytosanitary  
standards

Dialogue on  
agriculture

Macroeconomic  
dialogue

Economic and  
Financial Dialogue

Financial Service  
Dialogue

Sustainable  
Development  
Task Force

Rural  
Development  
Dialogue

Regional  
Policy Dialogue

Dialogue on  
employment  
and social affairs

EU-China Climate  
Change Partnership  
and BCM on  
climate change

Dialogues under existing or planned sectoral agreements

Science and  
Technology  
Steering  
Committee

Maritime  
Transport  
agreement

Customs  
cooperation  
agreement

Dialogue on Space  
Technology Cooperation

Tourism  
agreement (ADS)

Satellite  
navigation  
cooperation  
agreement  
(Galileo)

Dialogue under  
future nuclear  
cooperation  
agreement

Dialogue in  
view of possible  
future civil  
aviation  
agreement

III Pillar - People-to-People Dialogue

HL People-to-People Dialogue  
annual

Policy Dialogue  
on education and vocational  
training affairs, incl. dialogue  
on multilingualism

Policy Dialogue on  
cultural affairs

Policy dialogue on  
youth affairs

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\* This diagram is not exhaustive. The scope, nature and number of dialogues changes regularly