

# EU-China Clean Energy Centre (EC<sup>2</sup>)

Duration	5 years	
Beneficiary country	China	
EC Contribution	Maximum € 10,000,000	
Consortium Contribution	Minimum € 3,250,000	
Implementing Agency	Winning consortium (Call for Proposals to be launched)	
Location	China (Beijing)	
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## Project Background

The overall objective of the project is to support China in its efforts to shape a more environmentally-friendly and efficient energy sector.

The Chinese Government has put in place several action plans towards this direction. The European Commission will assist China in its efforts by co-financing the EC<sup>2</sup> with €10 million over five years.

EC<sup>2</sup> will be set-up as an autonomous body to promote the use of cleaner energy technologies and to support energy conservation and efficiency, thus assisting China in its transition to a low-carbon economy.

The National Energy Administration and the European Delegation have extensively discussed the objectives, the activities and the design of the EC<sup>2</sup>. The Chinese Government and the European Commission have then signed a Financing Agreement in January 2009, and a Call for Proposals to set-up and operate the EC<sup>2</sup> was published on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2009.

For this Call for Proposals, consortia of European and Chinese organisations will be invited to apply. The members of the consortia will be non-profit organizations, while associated members may be profit-making.

## Project Objectives

The scope of action and activities of EC<sup>2</sup> will address the following five areas of clean energy:

1. Clean coal (including carbon capture and storage and efficiency increases in power production from coal)
2. Sustainable bio fuels
3. Renewable energy sources
4. Energy efficiency in energy consumption (Buildings, products, industry)
5. Sustainable and efficient distribution systems



## Europe Aid

Within the scope of action, EC<sup>2</sup> will carry out a wide range of activities leading to specific results in terms of technology deployment (Result I), policy development (Result II and III), and of both (Result IV):

- Result I: Increased introduction of clean energy technologies into the energy sector and other relevant sectors, in particular through facilitation of clean energy projects
- Result II: Enhanced capacity of the government for the development of policies, regulations and standards in favour of clean energy development
- Result III: Enhanced capacity of Chinese energy authorities and economic operators to implement and enforce the regulatory framework in favour of clean energy development
- Result IV: Increased awareness amongst decision makers and the public at large of clean energy and its benefits to the environment

### Main Project Activities

The EC<sup>2</sup> should aim to:

- Facilitate the exchange of knowledge on state-of-the art and emerging technologies on clean energy
- Play an advisory role on clean energy issues in general and projects in this field
- Become a partner and one of the interlocutors for European and Chinese stakeholders on clean energy issues in general
- Provide a platform for capacity building to Chinese authorities in terms of regulatory conditions for the energy market
- Provide proposals to European and Chinese decision-makers in the energy sector on policy-making, energy planning and energy reform

### Current Status

- The Financing Agreement between the European Commission and the Chinese Government has been concluded in January 2009
- The Call for Proposals was published on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2009 with a deadline of 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2009. The evaluation of proposals will take place right after and the selected] consortium will be identified before the end of the year.
- The successful consortium will be offered a grant to set-up and operate the EC<sup>2</sup> during five years. After that, the EC<sup>2</sup> is expected to become a permanent body

*The Guidelines to applicants and other relevant information are available on the following websites:*

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?ADSSChck=1243406517660&do=publi.welcome>

<http://www.eu-in-china.com/> (Tenders and Grants)

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