

## Institutional Capacity Building for the Civil Aviation Sector in China

Duration	4 years 2010-2013	
Beneficiary country	People's Republic of China	
EC Contribution	€ 6 000 000	
China Contribution	€ 1 000 000 (in kind)	
Grantee Contribution	€ 6 000 000	
Executing Authority	Ministry of Commerce of China (MOFCOM)	
Implementing Agency	Civil Aviation Authority of China (CAAC)	
Location	China (Beijing and other provinces)	
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### Project Background

The Chinese civil aviation sector is growing rapidly. In 2007 air traffic increased by 16% and in the following decade, until 2020, an annual growth rate of 11% is expected. The absence of adequate expertise, especially in the lesser developed regions of western China, is increasingly becoming a bottleneck in the development of a high frequency, countrywide civil aviation network. Within the current 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Programme (2006-2010) 42 airports will be constructed, mainly in the lesser developed Central, Western and North Eastern part of China and 701 airport expansion projects are planned under China's current programme. There is thus a huge demand for investment in this sector and demand for the transfer of know-how and best management practices from international partners.

The rapid growth of China's civil aviation sector creates an urgent need to address the bottlenecks of the sector, particularly with regards to the lack of adequately trained staff within almost every area related to civil aviation in China. The project will therefore focus on addressing these needs and on strengthening the institutional capacity within the different areas related to aviation.

Institutional Capacity Building for the Civil Aviation is a follow up project based on the recommendations and lessons learnt from previous EU-China Civil Aviation projects.

### Project Objectives

The overall objective of the project is to address critical bottlenecks within the rapidly expanding civil aviation sector and integrate more deeply the lesser developed regions in China's civil aviation system and facilitate their economic development.

The specific objective is to strengthen the institutional capacity of the Civil Aviation authorities, in particular the regulatory authorities, and to help ensure a safe and secure aviation environment through: good governance, implementation of civil aviation standards (especially safety standards), and harmonization with EU standards and cooperation with European aviation authorities, agencies and key stakeholders.



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### Main Project Activities

Main activities envisaged to achieve the project purpose are:

- Assisting Chinese authorities to update and implement Chinese civil aviation regulations in line with international standards and European procedures through advice, workshops, training and internships.
- Developing "train-the-trainers" programmes and workshops for Chinese civil aviation administration and agencies on the best international practices, including EU practices, in relation to all aspects of safety and security management thereby increasing air traffic safety and security.
- Developing "train-the-trainers" programmes to address capacity constraints in the Chinese civil aviation sector in the area of safety management including in flight operations and in pilot training. Training will be provided through accredited training programmes.
- Implementation in conjunction with relevant Chinese civil aviation institutions of a train-the-trainer course to further improve English for all civil aviation personnel whose tasks have a direct bearing on the degree of safety and security.
- Supporting Civil Aviation Authority of China in establishing and further improving incident/accident reporting systems through seminars and workshops.
- Assisting in introduction of environmentally friendly practices, especially in Chinese institutions dealing with air traffic management through workshops and seminars.
- Development of more efficient air traffic management for China including by way of sharing European best practice.
- High-level safety and security-related awareness-raising events, study tours and internships to Europe for Chinese civil aviation administration officials .

More information is provided in the Action Fiche under the 2008 Annual Action Programme for China published on Europaid's website:

[http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/documents/aap/2008/ec\\_aap-2008\\_cn\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/documents/aap/2008/ec_aap-2008_cn_en.pdf)

### Current Status

The Financing Agreement between the EC and China was signed on 18 February 2009. The tender to procure the technical assistance is ongoing (Tender Notice EuropeAid/128728/C/SER/CN). The project is expected to start in the autumn of 2010.



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