

**CHINA EUROPA FORUM  
WORKSHOP T43c:**

**What agricultural policies? What contribution of China and Europe in a global agricultural policy?**

**General framework and workplan**

*Main questions and challenges:*

1. A multipolar versus an unipolar world, free trade versus regional trade policies: what are the best conditions for geo-political balance and mutual respect for a thriving global community? Evaluation of WTO Agreement on Agriculture versus regional agricultural trade policies. What can the China and Europe contribute to a better agricultural trade system?
2. Financial and economic crises and agriculture: today's globalised and liberalising world leads to higher price volatilities. The recent dramatic rise and subsequent fall in food prices has demonstrated this, exacerbated by the recent financial and economic crisis. How exactly does the financial and economic crisis affect agriculture? How do the European and Chinese agricultural policies react? What are good policies to anticipate or remedy these crises and at what level of governance?
3. Food security and sustainable management of resources: How can food security be obtained and improved and at the same a sustainable management of resources be secured? What are good practices? What policies to find a balance?
4. Multifunctionality of agriculture and rural development: Agriculture and rural development are connected by definition. What can we compare between European and China? How can we differentiate and integrate policy on different levels (local, national, regional) to accommodate the multifunctional role of different types of rural areas and agriculture? What are examples of best practices?
5. Urbanisation and the rural exodus: The exodus from rural areas both in China and in Europe to the cities leads to a negative attitude of citizens towards agriculture and rural areas and a disconnection between cities and rural areas and between food consumption and food production. How can citizens be connected to agriculture and rural areas? Should rural development and food policies start in the cities?

*Programme of the China Europa Forum and workshop 2010 (draft)*

Monday July 5 2010:

Travel of European participants to Beijing

Tuesday July 6 and Wednesday July 7 2010:

Visits to farms and agricultural industry, meetings with representatives of agricultural policy

Thursday July 8 and Friday July 9 2010:

Workshop meetings and preparation of the plenary sessions

Saturday July 10 2010:

Visits

Sunday July 11 2010:

Travel to Hong Kong for plenary sessions

Monday July 12 until Wednesday July 14 2010

Plenary sessions

*Workplan:*

1. Elaboration of the questions

Each prime mover will elaborate the 5 questions/challenges into a one or two page document per question. For each question relevant reference material will be collected and added to the document in a reference list. From all relevant documents abstracts will be made. Documents and summaries will be posted on the workshop's webpage on the China Europa Forum website.

The elaborations from both sides will be discussed in Europe and in China at one or two meetings between August 2009 and June 2010. The reports of the meetings will be exchanged and posted on the webpage.

The objective is to come to conclusions and recommendations during the workshop in July 2010.

2. Communication

- workshop's webpage on the China Europa Forum website: the prime movers will open a workshop's webpage on the China Europa Forum website ([www.china-europa-forum.net](http://www.china-europa-forum.net)). The workshop page will contain all relevant documents and reports, the programme and contact details and news items on the preparation. There will also be a blog and forum for debate. The prime movers will try to translate all documentation in the three working languages, Chinese, English and French.

- other communication channels:

In China there are three major websites that dedicate space to the Forum: [www.qq.com](http://www.qq.com), [www.people.com](http://www.people.com) and [www.oeeee.com](http://www.oeeee.com). In Europe the Groupe de Bruges will dedicate a special page to the Forum and the workshop.

Relevant news will also be disseminated to other European and national media and networks.

### 3. Preparation of the China Europa Forum 2010

#### - The Four Pillars:

The China Europa Forum's aim is to combine diversity and unity to come to a comprehensive dialogue between the Chinese and European societies. To come to a fruitful dialogue the Forum and the workshops are based on four pillars:

- a. Geographic: the Chinese prime mover will look for a local authority that will commit itself to the workshop
- b. Intellectual: both the Chinese and European prime mover are or have access to experts, expertise and centres of science and knowledge.
- c. Social networks: through existing contacts on both sides people will be invited to participate
- d. Mediator: the Chinese prime mover will take care of translation from Chinese to English and vice versa; the European prime mover will take care of translation from English to French and vice versa. Both are responsible for internal and external communications (see point 2, communication).

#### - Preparatory meetings:

The Chinese and European prime movers are each responsible for organising preparatory meetings. The Chinese prime mover will take care of organising the programme on July 6 until July 10. For Europe a preparatory meeting was held in June 2009. Other preparatory meetings will be organised in October 2009 and in the Spring of 2010.

#### - Selection of participants:

For the workshops there will be 5 European and 5 Chinese participants. Participants should be experts on agricultural and rural development policies. European participants that already have contacts with China are favoured. Participants are expected to be able to read, write, understand and speak English

#### - Documents

Chinese and European prime movers will each prepare general background documentation on Chinese and European agriculture and rural areas and on their agricultural and rural development policies and other relevant policies (for example environment, nature management, innovation).

### 4. Other matters

#### - Funding:

The Chinese prime mover will try to find the financial means for the hosting of the workshop in July 2010 and preparatory meetings. The European prime mover will try to find the financial means for the preparatory meetings in Europe in October 2009 and Spring 2010.

- Relationship to other Forum workshops:  
Workshop T43C has a relationship with the following other workshops:  
S35a, Role and responsibility of farmers and fishermen: not active  
T23a, Community of rural migrant-workers: active + webpage  
T31b, Which agriculture for the 21st century?: looking for prime mover in China  
T31c, Sustainable food-production channels and systems: food services: active + webpage  
T31d, Urban and peri-urban agriculture facing urban food crisis: active + webpage  
T35a, The future of rural areas in China and Europe: active  
T35b, Development of economic relations and fair trade between rural and urban areas: not active  
T35d: Rural cooperatives and rural social work: active + webpage  
T54a, Land management policies and family farming: active  
T56a, Genetically modified organisms: active + webpage  
T56b, Agriculture and biodiversity: active + webpage  
The prime movers will follow the webpages of these workshop. Where useful connections will be made.

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