

Meeting report of the workshop T51c “Towards an industrial ecology: green economy, energy saving and pollution reduction”

Meeting of the Chinese and European prime movers of
the China-Europa Forum

22 – 24 July, 2009
Paris, France

Held:

22 – 24 July 2009, at the Cité Internationale Universitaire of Paris, 17 boulevard Jourdan, 75014 Paris

Presence:

Chinese participants: HUANG Haifeng (Chinese group leader)
WANG Feng (general secretary of Chinese group)
European participants: Christophe BLAVOT (European group leader)
WANG Wen (European group assistant)

Background:

This meeting has been improvised in response to the new situation created by the impossibility to hold the plenary sessions in July 2009 in Hong Kong due to the the risk of pandemic influenza A (H1N1).

It has been decided to transform this crisis, born from the postponement of the Forum from July 2009 to July 2010, into an opportunity to reinforce, within each workshop and within the Forum as a whole, the collective dynamic and the transformation of the biennial meetings into a continuous dialogue. The present meeting helps people to better know each other and to deepen the dialogue which would not have been possible if the Forum would have taken place in July 2009.

The meeting of the Chinese and European prime movers is an extension of the three European meetings of the Fall 2008 and of the two Chinese meetings held this Spring 2009. In both cases, these meetings have been critical to transform the Forum into a collective adventure. This meeting acts as the prelude to the third biennial meeting of the China-Europa Forum in July 2010. The fact that the Chinese and the European prime movers will meet represents a new decisive step in the transformation of the Forum into a collective dynamic built in the long term.

Meeting goal:

The meeting of the prime movers aims at better knowing each other, deepening the working methods and implementing an action plan for the period July 2009 - July 2010.

Discussion session:

- **1st session (22nd July afternoon): individual discussion of each workshop.**

The session started with a mutual introduction. As the both sides had only communicated with each other by mail and telephone before this meeting, it was the first time for them to meet each other. Professor Huang Haifeng introduced to Mr. Christophe BLAVOT the China's Research Center for Economic Transition (CRCET) and the Ecological Development Union International (EDU), Christophe BLAVOT gave a brief introduction about the situation in Europe.

After that, both sides presented to each other the preparation and exchanged their points of view. They compared the issue papers prepared by the Chinese and the European sides and then discussed to draw the common reviews.

Finally, 4 major issues concerned by this workshop were identified:

1. change the name of the workshop
2. The workshop will set up a permanent office in parallel with the Forum in order to foster exchanges between participants
3. Sponsoring of the workshop
4. Organization of the agenda of the workshop

Accordingly, 4 actions were imposed in response to the issues:

1. Proposal of shorter name "Green economy" (Note : this name fits with Chinese authorities 2009 objectives)
2. Permanent organization for the workshop in order to foster the exchanges between participants and others on this subject
3. Find sponsors from both sides to guarantee the quality of the forum by bringing more European experts
4. The agenda of the forum is designed to fit with both Chinese and European

expectations. First half day : official ceremony; Second half, presentation of participants and global discussion; third half-day, small groups elaboration process (very dynamic interactions) in order to be able to propose 10 main practical propositions at the fourth half-day, the wrap-up and propositions. A proposition is made to organize the conference of the workshop in two cities.

These conclusions will be the starting points of the work to accomplish between now and July 2010.

The workshop's conclusions were registered and carried out by the Desmodo tool (SimpleGrille). The data was inputted in Chinese, English and French. This tool was adopted in order to present the results to the rest of the participants and will be used for the third biennial meeting in July 2010.

Another issue of the discussion was the review of the profile of participants considered to take part to the workshop. Mr. Blavot and Mr. Huang exchanged their lists of experts who would be invited to the conference next year. At the same time, Mr. Huang recommended to Mr. Blavot some famous European experts.

– **2nd session (23 July morning): discussion within the 9 groups of workshops of the Forum and simulation of the plenary of July 2010**

The conclusions of the previous session of each workshop were gathered together by the tool Simplegrille. The participants were divided by their domains and thesis into larger groups which consisted of 3-9 individual workshops of the Forum. Our workshop T51c was arranged into the group T5 which included 9 workshops.

Each workshops in the group presented their discussion results and then the common major trends were drew form these issues identified by the various workshops within the group. At last, each workshop proposed several discussion topics associated with the common main trends.

As to the workshop T51c, 6 sub-group discussion topics for “China-Europe conference on green economy, energy saving and pollution reduction” in July 2010 were identified:

1. Green economy and urban planning
2. Green economy and management policy
3. Green economy and finance
4. Green economy and know-how innovation
5. Green economy and energy efficiency
6. Green economy and way of living

– **3rd session (23 July afternoon): tools and methods**

This session, held in plenary, was dedicated to the presentation of the tools and methods used in the Forum and to the collective discussion of the organization of the work between July 2009 and July 2010.

The first part of the afternoon was focus on: presentation of the synthesis process of the work issued from the workshops of the Second Forum and the 4 common challenges between China and Europe resulting from this process.

The second part of the afternoon was focus on:

- the website and its role of common resources database and of Forum window, with the strict respect of the ensuing guidelines for the presentation of documents and workshops' outputs ;
- the use of blogs (QQ and Euractiv) to build a public debate in each of the 9 groups of workshops;
- the databases, common tools to manage the complexity of the Forum;
- the criteria of selection of the participants.

Finally, a “FAQ” session took place. The participants expressed their concerns and asked questions on the Forum itself, on the workshops' organization, on the tools and methods, on the management of the website, etc.

– **4th session (24 July morning) : synthesis and action plan**

Although third biennial meeting of the China-Europa Forum had been postponed to July 2010, there were still 11 workshops scheduled three-day meetings in July 2009 in China. Therefore, at the beginning of the morning session the prime movers of some of these workshops shared their experience and described the possibilities and limits of the process.

After the presentation, Huang Haifeng and Chirstophe BLAVOT worked together to confirm the actions plan for the period July 2009 – July 2010.

Meeting conclusions:

1. Conference date

The Third Biennial Meeting of the China-Europa Forum is supposed to be held on 11-12 July 2010 in Hong Kong. So as to connect closely with the Forum, the China-Europe conference on green economy, energy saving and pollution reduction is planned to be held on 8-10 July 2010.

2. Conference name

As the Chinese group leader proposed, the previous name of the workshop T51c “Recycling economy, energy saving and pollution reduction” will be changed into “Green economy, energy saving and pollution reduction”. Accordingly, the name of the conference will be “China-Europe conference on green economy, energy saving and pollution reduction”.

3. Conference expense

The two sides plan to raise 50,000€ for the conference organization, mainly from corporate sponsors, research funding, etc.

4. Conference experts

In Europe, group leader Christophe BLAVOT is in will invite 20 experts for the conference. Five of them will be funded by the China-Europa Forum.

In China, group leader Huang Haifeng will confirm 20 dialogue experts. Meanwhile, the Chinese general secretary Wang Feng will confirm 20 conference delegates and raise some of the conference expense and corporate sponsors.

5. Mutual communication

Huang Haifeng and Christophe Blavot will communicate by telephone and mail. The European group appoints Miss Wang Wen as the mediator to communicate with the Chinese group. The Chinese and European group leaders confirmed Kris Schneider as secretary of the China's side and representing China to communicate with external in English.

6. Tasks on both sides

Mr. Christophe Blavot, who represents Europe, will write introduction in English to the conference which will be confirmed by Huang Haifeng. Christophe Blavot, with the help of Kris Schneider and Wang Wen, will provide the information about European experts, corporation and potential of cooperation with China.

Professor Huang Haifeng, who represents China, will confirm place for the conference. He will also arrange the reception meeting and official ceremony in Beijing with the help of Mr. Liu Junhun. It will be possible to hold the communion in Chengdu, Sichuan Province of China. Professor Huang Haifeng will provide the information about the experts from China's part.

7. Mutual objectives

Under the framework of China-Europa Forum, a permanent office will be established in Beijing and an employee will be hired to ensure meeting held regularly and foster exchanges between participants.

8. Organizational forms

As confirmed, the six sub-group discussion topics for the conference will be: green economy and urban planning, green economy and management policy, green economy and finance, green economy and know-how innovation, green economy and energy efficiency and green economy and way of living.

The conference will be composed of opening ceremony, conference speech and global discussion, sub-group discussion and elaboration and collective synthesis.

9. Conference outcomes

Communications and discussions are expected to bring substantial significances to the subjects like promotion of the cooperation between European companies and Chinese companies, academic exchanges, establishment of research project, etc...

Besides, in order to facilitate mutual communication and exchange, the theses provided by the experts will be gathered as a collection.

Prospects:

Green economy, energy saving and pollution reduction have become a hot issue for all sectors of the Chinese and European sides. It is also a necessary precondition for China to achieve development goals in science and technology. Discussions and technological cooperation on green economy, energy saving and pollution reduction should be promoted. That matters a great significance to both China and the European Union. China-Europe Conference Organization Committee is very pleased to invite all those who are interested in this subject to attend this conference to promote China and Europe's environmental cooperation and to devote their efforts to human development.

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