

IUC Urban Cooperation Action Plan (U-CAP) Summary

City:	Chongqing	Mannheim, Greater Manchester, Bologna
Province, State, Department...:	Chongqing	Baden-Württemberg, North West England, Emilia Romana
Country:	China	UK, Germany, Italy
Population:	31.2 million	N/A
Size (km²)	82400 km ²	N/A
Period of cooperation	May 2017 – December 2018	
Cooperation Themes:	<p>Logistics: Launching a cargo railway connection between Chongqing and Mannheim to boost bilateral economic exchange</p> <p>Advanced manufacturing: Cooperating with European cities to develop a training curriculum on industry 4.0 for Chongqing's academic / industry partners</p> <p>Innovation: Establish permanent representation offices of European cities in Chongqing and vice versa to engage with innovation partners in a structured way</p>	
Related SDGs and Urban Agenda topics:	SDG 4&11, EU UP Job & Skills in Local Economy	
Key focus of cooperation themes:	Internationalization of Chongqing towards European cities and vice-versa, support to EU business for market entry in Chongqing in areas relevant to sustainable urban development, mobilization of stakeholders from research, public authorities and business (triple-helix).	



<p>Key challenges of cooperation theme:</p>	<p>Overcoming strong competition among Chinese cities towards Europe.</p> <p>Logistics: existing cargo railway lines between China and Germany (Duisburg) challenge Chongqing's attempt to establish a new line with Mannheim.</p> <p>Advanced manufacturing: Identify the right European technical partners to develop and implement a training curriculum on industry 4.0 and to establish a demo lab.</p>
<p>Main objectives of cooperation as described in the U-CAP:</p>	<p>Launch concrete cooperation projects in the above-mentioned fields and advance to thematic networking.</p>
<p>Short description of main activities and key outputs (e.g. pilot projects):</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Signing Joint Statement for cooperation with Chinese cities in May 2017 in Brussels. Participating at the 12th EU-China High Level Seminar on Regional Policy. 2. Visit to Mannheim by Chinese cities (June 2017) - A delegation with representatives from NDRC, Chongqing, Shantou and Longyan visited Mannheim. 3. August 2017: Visit to Chongqing (China) by Mannheim's Deputy Mayor Christian Specht and the Head of International Cooperation David Linse to discuss possible cargo railway cooperation. 4. November 2017: Mannheim and Chongqing signed joint statement during IUC Global Event in Brussels for establishing representative office 5. January 2018: Delegation from Yuxin'ou Cargo Railway company and Chongqing visits Mannheim to discuss possible cargo railway line. 6. July 2018: Visit of an official high-level delegation from Chongqing City to Mannheim. Discussion with Mannheim city authorities and stakeholders from the business community the implementation of two pilot projects: On the one side, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the City of Mannheim and the Yuxinou (Chongqing) Logistics co. for the implementation of a direct cargo railway connection between both cities. Both sides discussed also about the implementation of bilateral representation offices to strengthen cooperation in other areas like advanced manufacturing and research. 7. October 2018: EU's IUC Pilot Project Started: Cargo Railway Connection between Mannheim and Chongqing



Expected results and benefits:

1. Direct connection for Yuxin'ou freight trains between Chongqing and Mannheim.
2. Cooperation between cities on students' exchange, joint R&D projects, faculty exchange, joint course/degree projects, overseas degree projects.
3. Possible co-establishment of centers on industry design, media and creativity industry.
4. Possible co-establishment of representative offices in both sides for further cooperation.

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