

IUC Urban Cooperation Action Plan (U-CAP) Summary

City:	Métropole Nice Côte d'Azur	Haikou, Kunming, Zhengzhou
Province, State, Department...:	Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur	Hainan, Yunnan, Henan
Country:	France	China
Population:	540.000	N/A
Size (km²)	1.400 km ²	N/A
Period of cooperation	June 2018 – December 2019	
Cooperation Themes:	Smart city eHealth and silver economy Energy & clean technology Tourism & Culture	
Related <u>SDGs</u> and <u>Urban Agenda</u> topics:	SDG 03 Good Health & Well being SDG 07 Affordable and Clean Energy SDG 11 Resilient and sustainable cities EU UP Jobs & Skills in Local Economy EU UP Energy Transition	
Key <u>focus</u> of cooperation themes:	Smart City – Digital urban environmental monitoring & cooperation among start-ups eHealth and silver economy – Promoting cooperation of start-ups from the Living Lab 27 Delvalle with China Energy – Promoting cooperation of companies from the Nice Eco-Valley with China Tourism & Culture – Exporting Nice Carnival to Haikou & supporting the establishment of direct flight connection between Nice and China	
Key <u>challenges</u> of cooperation theme:	Internationalisation of Nice start-up towards China and vice-versa, support to Nice business for market entry in China in areas relevant to sustainable urban development, mobilization of stakeholders from research, public authorities and business (triple-helix).	
Main <u>objectives</u> of cooperation as described in the U-CAP:	→ Launch concrete cooperation projects in various smart city areas, including academic exchange, research and business partners as well as local governments.	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → "Cluster-to-cluster" enterprise cooperation. → Support the implementation of the Nice Cultural carnival in Haikou or another interested Chinese city. → Establish a direct flight between Nice Côte d'Azur airport and several destinations in China to increase cooperation in several areas. → Support the internationalisation of Chinese cities involved in the cooperation.
<p>Short description of main <u>activities</u> and key <u>outputs</u> (e.g. pilot projects):</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → June 2018: Start-up meeting with IUC Team Leader in Nice along with representatives from several city departments to be involved in the IUC China cooperation. → June 2018: Preparatory meeting in Brussels to explain the support tools available for the EU cities during the implementation of the IUC activities and the approach (local action planning, pilot projects). The meeting also discussed the upcoming mission to China in July 2018 by identifying the proper delegates, developing the meeting agenda in Zhengzhou, etc. Experts from Barnsley were coached by the IUC experts' team especially with regard to key areas of Digital Transition / Jobs & Skills in the Local Economy. → July 2018: Nice joins the EU cities one-week mission to China (Tianjin, Zhengzhou and Haikou). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Coordination with several stakeholders from Zhengzhou for the collaboration in smart city topics, including the Chengang Group in Zhengdong New Area. ○ Nice elaborates <i>four thematic factsheets</i> for cooperation with Chinese cities in the areas of eHealth, energy, environment and smart city. The timesheets are translated into Chinese and distributed among Chinese pilot cities participating at the EU-China High Level Policy Seminar on Regional Policy. ○ Nice signs MoU with Zhengzhou City Government ○ Nice discussed cultural carnival cooperation with Haikou and cooperation with Fullsing Town. → September 2018: Mission of the Chinese Cities to Nice. Workshop in Nice with representatives from local government, universities and business sectors. Meetings included: Nice Eco-Valley, French Tech Côte d'Azur, the



Mediterranean Institute of Risks, Environment and Sustainable Development (IMREDD), Nice Eco Valley, Claude Pompidou Institute, Living Lab 27 Delvalle, Nice Côte d'Azur Airport.

- Definition of six detailed cooperation proposals between Nice and Chinese cities in the above-mentioned areas.
 - Definition of next steps and roadmap.
- November 2018: Mission of Nice to Beijing, Yantai and Kunming. Participation at *EU-China Forum on Innovative and Smart Cities* in Beijing and visits to counterparts in Yantai and Kunming for the development of further pilot projects in the smart city cluster.
- Video interview of Alain Chateau, Director of the Centre of Excellence in Nice Metropole for the IUC project.
- April 2019: Meetings with Chinese cities in Brussels. Focus on themes and stakeholder mix for pilots and cooperation models.
- Nice elaborates a matrix based on the priority areas in the respective cities. Topics and activities of interest were identified where one city could effectively learn from the experience of the other city. The matrix focused mainly on *smart tourism, economic development, and digital monitoring* in an urban setting.
 - A second category was created within the matrix outlining new activities that neither city has experience with, but where each city faces similar challenges. These neutral topics were considered as potential areas for the cities to investigate together.
- May 2019: Mission of Nice's Deputy Mayor Christian Tordo to Kunming. Participation in the Smart Tourism Conference and visit to Kunming *Ciba Bio-health Town* and the *Ciba Bio-tech Innovation Center*. Visit to Kunming's Traffic Control Center and exchange with Kunming DRC and Public Security representatives. Mr Tordo was also taken to the Chenggong Information Industrial Park and the Chenggong Cloud Town. Proposal of several bilateral cooperation initiatives.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → <u>October 2019</u>: Supported with EU funding by the IUC competitive fund, Chinese delegates from Haikou and Liuzhou had a 2-day visit to Nice to participate at the Innovative City fair and to have bilateral meetings with stakeholders for the pilot projects. Also, the Senior Advisor for International Relations of DG REGIO Dr. Ronald Hall joined the delegation and chaired the meetings. → <u>November 2019</u>: Attending the IUC Global event in Brussels. Meeting counterparts from Chinese cities. → <u>January 2020</u>: Nice develops a summary of the cooperation with Haikou for the IUC programme. → <u>February 2020</u>: Nice participates at the World Urban Forum in Abu Dhabi upon invitation of the IUC programme. → <u>March 2020</u>: Nice presents at the Liuzhou-European Cities virtual Covid19 exchange. Discussion of pilot project in Liudong District.
<p>Expected results and benefits:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Energy, Smart City and Clean-technology: Launch cooperation programmes between <u>Nice's cleantech ecosystem</u> and <u>Nice Eco-Valley</u> with China, including areas like smart grids and involving stakeholders like <u>IMREDD</u>, the <u>Chamber of Commerce and Industry</u>. Launch research and education cooperation in these areas too. → eHealth and silver economy – Launching cooperation programmes for innovative start-ups from the <u>Living Lab 27 Delvalle</u> with Chinese cities. → Clusters' Cooperation and Innovation: Participation of Chinese cities in Nice's "Innovative City" conference 2019. → Culture & Tourism: Support the implementation of the <u>Nice Cultural carnival</u> in Haikou or another interested Chinese city. → Connectivity: Support the establishment of a direct flight connection between <u>Nice Côte d'Azur airport</u> and Chinese cities to increase cooperation in several areas.

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