

## IUC Urban Cooperation Action Plan (U-CAP) Summary

<b>City:</b>	<b>Shantou</b>	<b>Burgas, Málaga</b>
<b>Province, State, Department...:</b>	Guangzhou	Burgas, Andalusia
<b>Country:</b>	China	Bulgaria, Spain
<b>Population:</b>	5,389,328	230,000 / 569,000
<b>Size (km<sup>2</sup>)</b>	2,248.4 km <sup>2</sup>	253,6 km <sup>2</sup> / 398 km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Period of cooperation</b>	May 2017 (as a follow-up to Shantou's engagement in previous EU-China urban project World Cities)	
<b>Cooperation Themes:</b>	District development Port Connection	
<b>Related SDGs and Urban Agenda topics:</b>	SDG 9 Inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation. EU UP Jobs & Skills in Local Economy	
<b>Key focus of cooperation themes:</b>	<p><b>District development:</b> Involving European companies in the <i>Construction Work Plan of Shantou Pilot Area of EU-China Regional Policy Cooperation (2016-2020)</i>. The Plan aims at building the <i>Overseas Chinese Pilot Zone</i> in Shantou as the model region of EU-China's comprehensive and deep cooperation, developing Shantou into a key city for European science and technology cooperation with Guangdong.</p> <p><b>Port cooperation:</b> The plan also aims to support port connectivity with European cities within the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Maritime Silk Road.</p>	
<b>Key challenges of cooperation theme:</b>	To define a long-term cooperation mechanism that allows the implementation of the pilot projects.	
<b>Main objectives of cooperation as described in the U-CAP:</b>	The Party Committee and People's Government of Shantou attaches great importance to EU-China regional policy cooperation, which is regarded as the driving force for Shantou's innovative development and opening-up. By holding multiple research conferences, all departments in Shantou Government make a joint effort to gather all related resources to promote China-EU economic cooperation and people-to-people exchanges, and to facilitate the construction of the Overseas Chinese Pilot Zone.	



**Short description of main activities and key outputs (e.g. pilot projects):**

- Cooperation grounds on strategic agreements signed 2016 between relevant departments of Shantou Government and with Andalucía Smart City Cluster, the University of Nottingham, the University of Leicester, ITS and West Midlands.
- MoUs foresee to cooperate with EU cities and regions in terms of smart cities, finance, technology, innovation, business, education, testing and inspection.
- The MoU with Andalusia Smart City Cluster foresees the collaboration with member enterprises of the Cluster in areas like water conservancy infrastructure, environmental influence and sustainable development, intelligent transportation system, construction management, client side + cloud network services, city sight design and tourism services.
- March 2017 in Beijing: IUC Project Launch Event at the premise of the European Union Delegation to China. Dr. Hans Dietmar Schweisgut, Ambassador of the European Union to China and Mongolia and Mr. LIU Sushe, Director General, Regional Economy Department at NDRC delivered opening speeches.
- 31 May 2017 in Brussels: 10th China - Europe Regional Policy High-level Dialogue. Signing the Joint Statement on collaboration within the IUC project. Presentation of Shantou *Shantou Pilot Area of EU-China Regional Policy Cooperation (2016-2020)*

**Expected results and benefits:**

- **Smart City**: On the basis of the MoU signed between the Overseas Chinese Experimental Zone with the Andalucía Smart City Cluster in 2017, boost the cooperation on smart city planning, construction and administration, and on green building, smart transport pilot projects.
  - Involve Andalusia Smart City Cluster in the sustainable master planning and smart city construction of the East Coast New Town in the Overseas Chinese Pilot Zone.
- Promote the cooperation between **Shantou Port and Malaga Port** in Spain in areas of the open of shipping lane, freight transportation, logistics and etc.





- Shantou aims at establishing direct cooperative relationship with other ports in middle and south of Europe for more shipping lanes and logistics investment cooperation.
- **Education:** Shantou aims to cooperate with European cities in higher education of overseas students, united degree qualifications. Shantou aims at creating an and the foundation of China-European Academy to attract high educational talents from European cities and to promote Shantou students to participate in education programmes in those cities.
- **Culture & tourism:** Shantou City Government aims to involve European pilot cities in important festivals to be celebrated in Shantou and encourage local cultural organisations to go out for mutual cooperation. It will also support to identify tourism resources for cooperation and development.
- Set up technology innovation incubator center and transfer platform to facilitate exchanges with EU cities.

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