

IUC Urban Cooperation Action Plan (U-CAP) Summary

City:	Bologna	Chengdu, Guangzhou, Liuzhou, Nanjing, Yangzhou
Province, State, Department...:	Emilia Reggio	Sichuan, Guangdong, Guangxi, Jiangsu
Country:	Italy	China
Population:	1.000.600	N/A
Size (km²)	3.703 km ²	N/A
Period of cooperation	April 2019 – November 2020	
Cooperation Themes:	Industrial design Circular Economy District development Horticultural exhibition	
Related SDGs and Urban Agenda topics:	SDG 11 Resilient and sustainable cities SDG 9 Inclusive and sustainable industrialisation and foster innovation, EU UP Jobs & Skills in Local Economy EU UP Urban Mobility	
Key focus of cooperation themes:	Industrial design: Launching a bilateral platform/centre for SMEs/Start-Ups including training & incubation activities (Nanjing). Circular Economy: Decoupling economic growth from resource use achieving a profound transformation of business practices along global value chains (Nanjing) District development: Supporting urban development in Liudong New Area (Liuzhou) Horticultural exhibition: Participation at Yangzhou horticultural expo 2021	
Key challenges of cooperation theme:	Internationalisation of Bologna-based start-up towards China and vice-versa, especially in the area of green technologies and industrial design.	



	<p>Support to EU business for market entry in China in areas relevant to sustainable urban development. Mobilization of stakeholders from research, public authorities and business (triple-helix).</p>
<p>Main <u>objectives</u> of cooperation as described in the U-CAP:</p>	<p>Launch concrete cooperation projects in the above-mentioned fields and advance to thematic networking through cluster UCAPs</p>
<p>Short description of main <u>activities</u> and key <u>outputs</u> (e.g. pilot projects):</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → April 2019: mission and meetings with Chinese cities in Brussels. Focus on themes and stakeholder mix for pilots and cooperation models. Follow-up by means of a Smart Cities webinar with European cities → June 2019: Participation of Bologna at the Nanjing Techweek and Innovation Fair → June 2019: Smart Cities Cluster Meeting and New Energy meetings in Chengdu, mission of Bologna & other European cities to Liuzhou: Bologna entering pilot project exchange in regard to new districts → September 2019: Second mission to Guangzhou and Liuzhou → November 2019: Attending the IUC Global event in Brussels. IUC Asia meetings took place in Brussels on Wednesday 20th November, in which Chinese delegates met with counterparts from Bologna. Here, pilot projects were discussed, and the new Chinese cities were introduced to the European counterparts. → January – February 2020: Online coaching to Bologna by IUC team members. Involvement of further stakeholders (creativity ClustER). → March 2020: Bologna participates in the Liuzhou-European Cities virtual Covid19 exchange. Discussion of pilot project in Liudong District. → April 2020: Online coaching by the IUC team for the development of the pilot projects → May 2020: Online meeting Bologna – Guangzhou for the development of the <i>Industrial Design Cooperation</i> project



	<p>including the creativity cluster and the University of Bologna</p> <p>→ <u>May 2020</u>: Liuzhou – IUC Experts virtual briefing with Bologna interests in mind</p>
<p>Expected results and benefits:</p>	<p>District development:</p> <p>→ Pilot to be defined for Liuzhou new districts: Liudong New District (Science/Techno Park for Smart Cities Planning). Possible focus on visualisation tools for citizens & stakeholders' engagement.</p> <p>Circular Economy:</p> <p>→ Best practices shared, and cities benefit from knowledge sharing on circular economy practices. One joint call for proposals is prepared and submitted.</p> <p>Industrial design</p> <p>→ Launching a bilateral platform/centre for SMEs/Start-Ups including training & incubation activities (Guangzhou & Nanjing).</p> <p>Horticultural Development:</p> <p>→ Development of a concept note for Bologna's participation at Yangzhou's Horticultural Expo 2021. Receive financial support by Yangzhou for the design and the participation at the Expo 2021.</p>

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