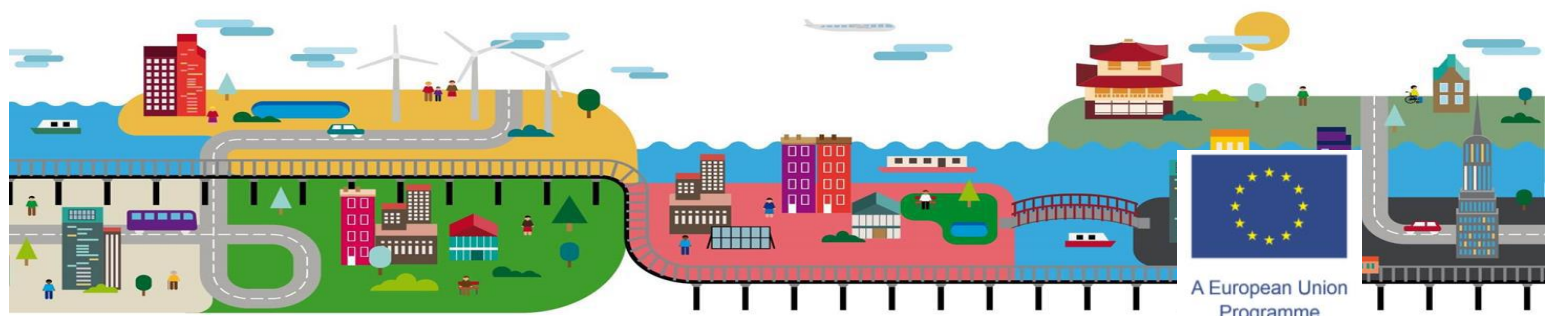


IUC Urban Cooperation Action Plan (U-CAP) Summary

City:	Changchun	Malaga, Mannheim, Burgas, AAK
Province, State, Department...:	Jilin	Andalusia, Baden-Württemberg, Athens
Country:	China	Spain, Germany, Bulgaria, Greece
Population:	7.7 Mio	N/A
Size (km²)	478.7 km ²	N/A
Period of cooperation	March 2017 until October 2017	
Cooperation Themes:	Automotive & electronics Software & Information Technologies Culture, Tourism, Education	
Related SDGs and Urban Agenda topics:	Good Health and Well-Being: SDG 3 Quality Education: SDG 4 Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure: SDG9 EU Urban Agenda Topics: Culture/Cultural Heritage, Digital Transition	
Key focus of cooperation themes:	<p>Economic and trade exchanges Changchun - Manchuria - Germany international block train with the purpose of promoting the rail-bus, Automotive, optoelectronics, handicrafts, green food and other products of Changchun area into the European market while welcome import of manufacturing equipment.</p> <p>Culture, Tourism and Education: Promote and define joint activities between the various stakeholders of the cities involved to carry out projects and initiatives to enhance local culture and cultural heritage, and collaborations between universities and companies to develop joint educational and research programs. With regards to tourism, the Swedish Vasa Ski Festival has been held for fifteen consecutive sessions.</p> <p>Scientific and technological innovation</p>	



	<p>In the framework of the "China-Europe Science and Technology Cooperation Agreement", promoting scientific and technological innovation, expanding technical skills, research facilities and innovative financing.</p>
<p>Key challenges of cooperation theme:</p>	<p>Culture, Tourism and Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Sharing best practices, pilot projects and exchange of information. → Exploring joint opportunities between Chinese and EU cities. → Organize joint schools, double degrees and institutes. → Develop and use digital tools and platforms to facilitate the cooperation. <p>Economic and trade exchanges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Exploring joint opportunities between Chinese and EU cities. <p>Scientific and technological innovation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Sharing best practices, pilot projects and exchange of information. → Exploring joint opportunities between Chinese and EU cities. → Develop and use digital tools and platforms to facilitate the cooperation.
<p>Main objectives of cooperation as described in the U-CAP:</p>	<p>Facilitate and launch concrete cooperation projects in the above-mentioned fields and advance to thematic networking through cluster UCAPs</p>
<p>Short description of main activities and key outputs (e.g. pilot projects):</p>	<p><u>March 2017 in Beijing:</u> IUC Project Launch Event at the premise of the European Union Delegation to China and Mongolia in Beijing. 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.</p> <p>31 May 2017 in Brussels: 10th China - Europe Regional Policy High-level Dialogue. <u>Signing the Joint Statement on collaboration within the IUC project.</u> Presentation of Jingyue High-tech Industrial Development Zone.</p> <p><u>June 2017:</u> Follow-up visit to AAK and Málaga. Signing MoUs with project partners in both cities. Definition of possible pilot projects in the areas of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Heritage / Education



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic development • Smart City <p>Visit to Agii Anargiri-Kamatero (AAK). Field visits included the Environmental Awareness Park “Antonis Tritsis”, an urban refurbishment project (old railway station), the 1st European Environmental Education and Recycling. Sectors of potential cooperation identified were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logistics and Trade • Mobility and Infrastructure • Innovation Hub for Greek SMEs <p><u>October 2017 in Changchun</u>: Representatives of Malaga, Mannheim, Burgas and AAK visited Changchun Jingyue High and New Technology Industrial Development Zone and participated in meetings with DRC.</p> <p>April 2018 in Beijing <u>Start-Up Workshop</u> with Chinese Pilot Cities: training for the second group of Chinese pilot cities for 2018. Around 35 representatives attended the meeting, including those from pilot cities of 2017 such as Changchun.</p>
<p>Expected <u>results</u> and <u>benefits</u>:</p>	<p>Current situation to be analysed in order to evaluate further concrete results that can be achieved from Changchun participation.</p>

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