

IUC Urban Cooperation Action Plan (U-CAP) Summary

City:	Chongqing (CN), Chengdu (CN), Guangzhou (CN)	Mannheim (GE), Stuttgart (GE), Manchester (UK)
Province, State, Department...:	N/A	N/A
Country:	China	Germany, UK
Population:	N/A	N/A
Size (km²)	N/A	N/A
Period of cooperation	July 2018 to November 2020	
Cooperation Themes:	Logistics	
Related <u>SDGs</u> and <u>Urban Agenda</u> topics:	SDG 4&11 EU UP Job & Skills in Local Economy	
Key <u>focus</u> 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).	
Key <u>challenges</u> of cooperation theme:	<p>Mannheim and Chongqing joined the IUC Asia programme as pilot cities of 2017. Since the first exchange in June 2017, the two sides have agreed to foster cooperation in areas including the setting-up of new railway connection. Within the framework of the IUC programme and through the support from the project team, the two cities have exchanged high-level official visits and maintained in-depth communication during the past year.</p> <p>As early as July 2018, representatives of the City of Mannheim and representatives of a logistics company from Chongqing (Yuxinou Logistics Company Ltd) signed a Memorandum of Understanding, with the focus to "foster collaboration in the field of logistics and freight transport".</p>	
Main <u>objectives</u> of cooperation as described in the U-CAP:	Facilitate the coordination of the concrete cooperation projects for each thematic cluster	
Short description of main <u>activities</u> and key <u>outputs</u> (e.g. pilot projects):	<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. Participation at the [Local Action Plan workshop](#) in Beijing (23 October 2017).
5. [November 2017](#): Participation at the IUC Global Event in Brussels. Delivery of a speech by David Linse.
6. [November 2017](#): Visit to Mannheim by several Chinese cities to learn about Mannheim's smart production base and its network, robotic technologies applied in medical sector, its implementation of the SDGs and its involvement in European Joint R&D Programs.
7. [January 2018](#): Delegation from Yuxin'ou Cargo Railway company and Chongqing visits Mannheim to discuss possible cargo railway line.
8. [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 Yuxin'ou (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.
9. [July 2018](#): Mannheim joins the EU cities one-week mission to China.
10. [October 2018](#): EU's IUC Pilot Project Started: Cargo Railway Connection between Mannheim and Chongqing
11. [April 2019](#): After participating in a cluster meeting in Hannover, Chinese delegates visited Mannheim to explore smart manufacturing cooperation (vocational training).
12. [June 2019](#): EU-China Regional Innovation Conference held in Mannheim

Expected results and benefits:

Direct connection for Yuxin'ou freight trains between Chongqing and Mannheim.

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