

IUC Urban Cooperation Action Plan (U-CAP) Summary

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| City: | Wuhan | Barcelona, Great Manchester, Stuttgart |
| Province, State, Department...: | Hubei | Catalonia, North West England, Baden Württemberg |
| Country: | China | Spain, UK, Germany |
| Population: | 10.67mio | N/A |
| Size (km²) | 8,569km ² | N/A |
| Period of cooperation | May 2017 (as a follow-up to Wuhan's engagement in previous EU-China urban project World Cities) | |
| Cooperation Themes: | <p>Culture, Tourism and Education: Promote smart tourism cooperation and education cooperation between universities.</p> <p>Smart City: Digitalization transition and joint events on smart city and future mobility</p> <p>Urban Planning: Joint projects on urban planning and development</p> <p>Mobility, Connectivity: Joint event on smart mobility exchanges and cooperation</p> | |
| Related <u>SDGs</u> and <u>Urban Agenda</u> topics: | <p>SDG 4&11, EU UP Job & Skills in Local Economy</p> <p>SDG 9&11, EU UP Urban Mobility</p> <p>SDG11, EU UP Culture / Cultural Heritage</p> <p>SDG 9&11, EU UP Urban Mobility</p> | |
| Key <u>focus</u> of cooperation themes: | Internationalization of Wuhan towards Europe. Support Wuhan - EU business collaboration in areas relevant to | |



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| | sustainable urban development. Mobilization of stakeholders from research, public authorities and business (triple-helix). |
| <p>Key <u>challenges</u> of cooperation theme:</p> | <p>Rural-urban integration in Wuhan City Circle</p> <p>Coordination of medium-sized cities in the middle reaches of the Yangtze River (from 4 provinces)</p> <p>Deepen existing MoUs with European cities from previous programmes.</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> | <p>→ <u>March 2017 in Beijing</u>: Wuhan participates at the 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>→ <u>31 May 2017 in Brussels</u>: Wuhan participates at the 10th China - Europe Regional Policy High-level Dialogue. Signing the Joint Statement on collaboration within the IUC project. Presentation of Jingyue High-tech Industrial Development Zone.</p> |
| <p>Expected <u>results</u> and <u>benefits</u>:</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Learning from European experiences on river basins governance (especially from the Rhine river). Promote cooperation with European cities and non-governmental organisations in the Rhine basin in such areas as water quality protection, animal protection, flood control, fish migration, water conservancy and energy, and navigation of navigation. 2. To deepen the partnership with the City of Barcelona, Spain. On the basis of the <i>Memorandum of Understanding</i> signed within the China-EU Regional Policy Cooperation in June 2015, Wuhan will look to implement the cooperation |





intention in areas like the automotive industry, international exhibition, international education, cultural tourism and other fields.

3. Carry out smart city cooperation. Promote the "Wuhan-Manchester smart city" cooperation memorandum of understanding signed between Wuhan and Manchester, United Kingdom, and deepen cooperation between Wuhan and Arnhem, the Netherlands, in the fields of water resources management, "sponge city", flood prevention and rain prevention, green architectural design and so on.
4. Increase support for key Sino-European cooperation projects such as the *Sino-French Eco-Demonstration City*, "Hanxin Europe" (Wuhan-Xinjiang-Europe) international freight class, etc.
5. Joint project for best practice exchange on energy conservation of buildings, urban planning and public transport;

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