



## SGROUP WORKSHOP OF THINK TANKS FOR CHINA AND LATIN AMERICA – GLOBAL COLLABORATION STRATEGIES

During the General Assembly 2015 at the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, the SGroup members decided to launch expert groups for privileged collaboration with China and Latin America considering our members' interests, capacities, and policies. Developing global strategic partnerships has been outlined in the SGroup Strategy 2020 whose goal is to build partnerships, exchange expertise and undertake joint projects. In result, two Think Tanks for China (TT4C) and Latin America (TT4LA) have been created, each with a relevant pool of experts, programme of activities, and objectives to be reached on an annual basis.

We are pleased to invite our members to the first joint workshop of the Think Tank for China and Latin America to be held on **19-20 October 2017** at the University of Porto. The workshop is dedicated to both academic and administrative staff members interested in establishing or advancing collaboration with China and Latin America through joint projects in capacity building, mobility, and doctoral education.



In the two-day programme, the Think Tank experts will cover the following items with a regional division of China and Latin America:

- Needs analysis in global collaboration
- Building strategic partnerships
- Funding schemes for collaboration
- Identification of joint projects to be implemented in the academic year 2017/2018
- Launch of the Inter-Continental Academic Exchange Programme



More information about the Think Tanks, their objectives, programmes, and list of experts can be found at the following links.

- Think Tank for China:

<http://sgroup.be/news/first-sgroup-think-tank-china-meeting-and-europe-china-rectors-seminar-lisbon>

- Think Tank for Latin America:

<http://sgroup.be/news/sgroup-think-tank-latin-america-0>

## AGENDA

### 19th October (Thursday)

#### **9.00-13.30: Think Tank for Latin America – moderation: Bárbara Costa, University of Porto**

1. Presentation of the ICon Programme – *Barbara Costa, University of Porto*
2. New Project opportunities – *Barbara Clayes, Ghent University*
  - 2.1. Funding from EU
  - 2.2. Funding from Brazil
  - 2.3. Funding from LA
3. Presentation of LA Expertise database – *Barbara Clayes, Ghent University*
4. Brainstorming: identification of areas of collaboration
5. Plan of activities for 2018

#### **13.30-15.00: Lunch break**

#### **15.00-17.00: Joint session of TT4C and TT4LA**

- Project activities with EU-funding
- Other relevant funding schemes and tips on how to submit successful applications

### 20th October (Friday)

#### **9.00-13.30 Think Tank for China - moderation: Armin Heinemann, University of Bayreuth**

1. Funding opportunities EU – China - *Li, Jianmin; Chinese Minister Counsellor at the EC, Brussels, video conference*
2. Presentation of TT4C and its programme of activities for 2017/2018 - *Arnim Heinemann, University of Bayreuth*
  - 2.1. TT4C members and database of expertise



- 2.2. Report on the TT4C workshop Lisbon (May 2017)
- 2.3. Objectives of the workshop in Porto (October 2017)
- 2.4. Acquisition of Chinese associate partners to SGroup
- 2.5. SGroup Summer School in Shanghai, August 2018 - *Philipp Dengel*

**11:00 – 11:30 Open Space Networking and Health Break** - moderation: *Armin Heinemann, University of Bayreuth*

3. Operational modes of TT4C
  - 3.1. Expert Meetings
  - 3.2. Advanced training
4. Discussion on topics according to the expertise/interest of participants, such as:
  - 4.1. Collaboration in doctoral education with Chinese HEIs
  - 4.2. Strategic partnerships with Chinese HEIs
  - 4.3. Double degree and joint programmes with Chinese HEIs
  - 4.4. Research collaboration with Chinese HEIs

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- SGroup formats of advanced training and knowledge transfer
- Project activities, preferably with EU-funding as well as other relevant national, bi- or multinational funding schemes (with regard to China and Latin America)
- Shared best practice and inside-tips on how to submit successful applications