

SGROUP EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES' NETWORK

Think Tank for China

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TT4C's Three Initial Calls for Action

Request I

- Take the kick-off message of the TT4C back to your institution and find the right experts among your researchers and administrators to connect us to!



Request II

- Provide us with data of your universities' activities with China!



Request III

- Consider becoming a member of the TT4C or encouraging a person of your university with experience in working with China who is interested to collaborate with us and who is committed to join a dynamic project!





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- *What has been done so far: part I:*
- **Start of a joint, coordinated and structured collaborative approach**
- **Become aware of the multiple experience and expertise of SG members**
- **Searching synergies for initiating collaborative projects and sustainable networks,**
- **Identification of internal/external expert units:**
- **U Ghent Platform for China, Office Beijing**
- **Bavarian Competence Centre for China, (BAYCHINA@U Bayreuth, Office Beijing)**
- **DAAD-Offices, (Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong)**
- **University of Bayreuth Office in Shanghai**





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- *What has been done so far II/1: ,Testing the waters‘*
- **Identification of 47 Chinese HEIs SG members work with!**
- **Starting up & gaining momentum:** presentation of SG network and the format of associate member to 20 Chinese HEIs in different intensity
- **Agreement that I would come back to those with whom I have elaborated on the matter when I would have a clear mandate from the SG GA to approach specific universities**
- **Communication with representatives of Chinese HEIs on SG associate membership in 2016:**
- **Beijing University, Beijing (5)**
- **Beijing Institute of Technology, Beijing (5)**
- **Tsinghua University, Beijing (3)**
- **Fudan University, Shanghai (5)**





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- *_What has been done so far II/2:*
- **Shanghai University of Science and Technology, Shanghai (2)**
- **Shanghai University of Sport, Shanghai (1)**
- **Shanghai International Studies University, Shanghai (1)**
- **East China University of Political Science and Law, Shanghai (1)**
- **Donghua University, Shanghai (1)**
- **Tongji University, Shanghai (4)**
- **East China University of Science and Technology, Shanghai (1)**
- **Zhejiang University, Hangzhou (2)**
- **Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong (3)**
- **City University Hong Kong, Hong Kong (2)**
- **Chinese University of Kong Kong, Hong Kong (2)**



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- *What has been done so far II/3:*
- **Southwest Jiaotong University, Chengdu (1)**
- **Huazhong University of Science and Technology, Wuhan (2)**
- **Fu Jen University, Taipei (1)**
- **Harbin Institute of Technology, Harbin (Heilongjiang) (1)**
- **Nanjing University, Nanjing (2)**
- **Qingdao University, Qingdao (Shandong) (1)**

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- *What has been done so far III/1: The TT4C network 2016*

INSTITUTION	NAME	SURNAME	POSITION
Université de Liège	Laurent	De Potter	Head of international relations for Gembloux Agro-Bio Tech
Ghent University	Inge	Mangelschots	Coordinator China Platform
University of Cyprus	Elena	Avgoustidou-Kyriacou	Senior University Officer, Research and International Relations Service-Director of the Confucius Institute at UCY
University of Patras	Maria	Kotsari	International Relations Office - SGroup Liaison Officer
University of Trieste			International Relations
Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan	Cezary	Koscielniak	Adjunct
Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan	Joanna	Skrzypczyńska	Assistant Professor
Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan	Lukasz	Perlik	Senior Business Intelligence Expert
Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan	Leszek	Sobkowiak	Adjunct
Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan	Hanna	Mamzer	assistant professor
Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan	Artur	Stęplewski	Poznań /Poland
Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan	Kasper	Hanus	PhD candidate
Adam Mickiewicz University	Tomasz	Ewertowski	lecturer, principal investigator in a reseach project
Silesian University of Technology (SUT)	Joanna	Mrowiec	Head Of International Mobility Office
Babes-Bolyai University	Smaranda	Moldovan	International Cooperation Expert
University of Leon	Mario	Díaz Martínez	International Planning and Promotion (China overall Coordinator)
University of Rovira i Virgili	Angel	Urquizu	Associate Professor
Rovira i Virgili University	Antonio	Nomdedeu	Associate Professor
Malmö University	Hans	Lindquist	Pro Vice-Chancellor
University of Kent	Primrose	Paskins	Acting Senior International Partnerships Officer
University of Westminster	Alexandra	Hughes	Deputy Vice Chancellor for Global Engagement

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- *What has been done so far IV/1:*
- **Getting Feedback on existing structures at SG partners:**
 - **U Léon:** Hub for China expertise; Vicerectorate of International Relationships
 - **U Westminster:** student mobility, research connections and/or collaborative programmes in all academic faculties, especially in Architecture and the Built Environment, China Media centre, in the School of Media, Arts and Design, which has numerous connections with Chinese institutions, academic and industry, groups for training and development
 - **U Kent:** Main Schools collaborating with Chinese partners: School of Engineering and Digital Arts, Kent Business School, Kent Law School, School of Politics and International Relations, School of Computing
 - **U Liège:** Center for international cooperation, Confucius Institute
 - **U Trieste:** Faculty of Law, Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Applied sciences, Faculty of Philosophy and Letters, Gembloux Agro-Bio Tech (faculty of bioscience engineering), HEC-ULg (School of Management)
 - **U Ghent:** **China Platform** in the International Relations Office of UGent; 7 Professors of the Steering Committee of the China Platform all very active in China 2) **BACES:** UGent is partner (since 01/02/2016) in The **Brussels Academy for China and European Studies (BACES)** is an academic platform initiated by four founding universities: Renmin University of China, Sichuan University, Fudan University and Vrije Universiteit Brussel.

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- *What has been done so far IV/2:*
- **Getting Feedback on existing structures at SG partners:**
- **BACES** acts as a critical think tank in support of the **High-Level People-to-People Dialogue**. The platform performs research on issues of contemporary China and the EU. Currently it is externally financed by the China Scholarship Council and Huawei (through a chair for Contemporary China Studies); 3) **TT4C**; 4) Thematic network: **Academic Network for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Policy** of the ICRH, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, UGent. 5) Several projects in the different actions under EMECW, EMA and Erasmus+ 6) Agreement with CSC for top-up funding by the Special Research Fund of Ghent University
- **U Bayreuth**: 1) Bavarian University Centre for China (BAYCHINA); 2) Gateway Office in Shanghai; 3) One of the longest accredited joint programmes of an EU HEI with a Chinese HEI since 1986 (Languages and Economics, BA/MA; 3) Double degree programmes; 4) Joint research projects with CAS and HEIs; 5) Co-tutelles; 6) 15 active partnerships in China, Hong Kong and Taiwan; 7) EU-China-Africa cooperation;



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- *What has been done so far IV/3:*
- **Getting Feedback on collaborative projects/project lines:**
- **U Lèon:** students and teachers permanent exchanges, Summer and Specialized Courses, Double Degrees (with funding in China from Chinese Ministry of Education)
- **U Kent:** Partner in Erasmus Mundus Action II LiSUM and Lotus projects (European Commission); Staff exchange (institution and project funded) student exchange (Institutional scholarship and individually funded) research collaboration
- **U Liège:** Confucius Institute (UBB is the Host, offers Romanian staff, logistical support, part of funding; HANBAN, offers teachers, funds; Zhejiang University of Science and Technology, offers teachers, support)
- **U Babes-Bolyai:** Different mobility agreements
- **U Trieste:** Advanced collaboration in research and teaching in different fields with CAS and HEIs; Comparative studies; awarded guest professorships;
- **U Bayreuth:** research collaboration; joint teaching and summer programmes;





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- *_What has been done so far V/1:*
- **Getting Feedback on formats of existing collaborative projects:**

Student mobility

Staff mobility

Dual or joint undergraduate programme

Dual or joint postgraduate programme

Co-supervised PhD arrangement

Progression arrangement

Research connection



- *_What has been done so far V/2:*
- **Getting Feedback on collaborative activities wanted through TT4C**

Research Collaborations

Summer Schools or Science Schools

Double or joint undergraduate programme

Double or joint postgraduate programme

Co-supervised PhD arrangement

Staff mobility schemes

International or EU-funded projects

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- *_What has been done so far VI:*
- **Getting Feedback on existing collaborations in academic fields (TOP 15):**

Biological Sciences

Biomedical Sciences and Neuroscience

Chemical Engineering

Chemistry

Computer Science

Economics

Electronic and Electrical Engineering

English Language, Culture and Society

History

Law

Linguistics

Management

Mechanical Engineering

Political Science and International Relations

Social Studies



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- *What has been done so far VI:*
- **Identification of possible next conceptual steps?**
 1. SG TT4C network of member's experts and connected service facilities in Europe and China 
 2. Selecting and approaching Chinese HEIs by TT4C in order to become associate partners for SG 
 3. SG TT4C consultation workshop for members in Brussels: 1st day: workshop of TT4C network members; 2nd day workshops on a selection of the following topics: : management of bilateral agreements and sustainable collaboration in research and teaching, joint and double degree programmes (BA, MA, PhD), credit transfer, internship opportunities in China, visa issues, cooperation in ERASMUS and other funding schemes, administrative staff mobility, Gateway Offices and Confucius Institutes, cultural challenges and intercultural communication, preparatory courses in China
 4. SG summer school 2018 in Shanghai
 5. Start conversation on SG-CSC partnership and multilateral scholarship programme with CSC 
 6. SG-CEAIE partnership/SG to join CEAIE international network
 7. SG presence at CACIE 2017 in Beijing
 8. SG presence at APAIE 2017 in Taiwan 





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- *_What has been done so far VII:*
- Selection of activities for 2017/18!
 1. **Strengthen connection** of SG TT4C network of member's experts and connected service facilities in Europe and China; **establish contact to BACES**
 2. **Select and approach 3-4 Target Chinese HEIs** by TT4C in order to become associate partners; **get at least 1!**
 3. **SG TT4C consultation workshop for members in Brussels: 1st day: workshop of TT4C network members; 2nd day workshops on a selection of the following topics: : management of bilateral agreements and sustainable collaboration in research and teaching, joint and double degree programmes (BA, MA, PhD), credit transfer, internship opportunities in China, visa issues, cooperation in ERASMUS and other funding schemes, administrative staff mobility, Gateway Offices and Confucius Institutes, cultural challenges and intercultural communication, preparatory courses in China -> **April 2017****
 4. **SG summer school 2018 in Shanghai**
 5. **Continue to discuss SG-CSC partnership and multilateral scholarship programme with CSC**
 - ~~6. **SG-CEAIE partnership/SG to join CEAIE international network**~~
 - ~~7. **SG presence at CACIE 2017 in Beijing**~~
 8. **SG presence at APAIE 2017 in Taiwan -> **March 2017****





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- *_What needs to be done next:*
- *Now:*
- **Select TT4C target HEI *1st feedback at the GA!***
- **Get the mandate to approach target HEIs with support of SG members who are already partners with them *1st feedback at the GA!***
- **Agree on the TT4C activities for 2017/2018 *at the GA!***
- **Get your requests for TT4C activities *at the GA!***





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- *_What needs to be done next:*
- *Short term:*
- **Structure Data of SG TT4C expert list and make it available to all SG members!**
- **Structure Data of SG TT4C topic list and make it available to all SG partners!**
- **Structure Data of SG partner HEIs list and make it available to all SG partners!**



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- *What needs to be done next:*
- *Long term:*
- **Get at least one Chinese HEI as associated partner in 2017!**
- **Continue communication with Chinese network institutions (CSC) in 2017!**
- **Prepare organise and execute the TT4C activities 2017/18!**
- **Establish a TT4C platform with communication routines!**
- **Continue to collect TT4C relevant data from SG members**

Discussion on the operative SG concept of global engagement:

- **Global Outreach Strategy** - potential benefits & added value for SG members
- **How many Chinese/LA/African HEIs do we want?**
- **Which are the criteria for associate members: Which HEIs do we want?**
- **Europe**
- **LA**
- **China**
- **Africa**
- **SG Strategic destination** – *what value should the new associate partners add?*
- **SG quality assurance/criteria** – *research orientation, rankings, national accreditation, existing successful collaboration with SG member(s)*