

EU-CHINA BLUE YEAR

PROGRAMME



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INTRODUCTION

The third EU-China High Level Dialogue on Ocean affairs took place on 2 March 2017. Building on the positive results of the discussions held on ocean governance, blue growth and international ocean developments, both parties highlighted the opportunity to explore ways to reinforce EU-China cooperation on ocean affairs in the medium to long term.

The very first symbolic step in this direction is the launching of the 2017 EU-China Blue Year. As part of this EU-China Blue Year, a series of activities on ocean matters will be organized. These activities will aim to foster closer ties and mutual understanding by bringing together experts from both sides in different locations in China and Europe.

To this end, the two sides should step up the sharing of knowledge and the exchange of information, views, experiences and good practices by developing joint activities and participating in events such as conferences, meetings, workshops, seminars and study visits. In order to highlight this strengthened cooperation, the activities that are to take place throughout 2017 should be implemented as the "EU-China Blue Year". The possibility of reinforced cooperation beyond 2017 should also be explored.

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The EU-China Blue Year should be organised around the following indicative list of events and activities:

	(indicative) events and activities	Time	Location	Proposal
1	EU-China Blue Year Opening Ceremony	2 June	Brussels	EC
Theme 1: Ocean Governance				
2	High-level Dialogue on Ocean Affairs	2 March	Brussels	EC
3	Marine / Maritime Spatial Planning Conference	15-17 March	Paris	EC
4	High Level Innovation Cooperation Dialogue	2 June	Brussels	EC
Theme 2: Blue Economy				
5	World Ocean Week in Xiamen	November	Xiamen City	China
6	China Marine Economy Expo	November	Zhanjiang City	China
7	China-EU Blue Carbon Symposium	November	Xiamen City	China
8	China-EU Blue Industry High-Level Symposium	December	Shenzhen City	China
Theme 3: Marine Conservation				

9	Green week – Oceans day	June	Brussels	EC
10	World Ocean Day	8 June	Nanjing City	China
Theme 4: Marine Monitoring				
11	Exchange on marine monitoring with European Marine Board and European Marine Observation Data Network	3 March	Bruges	EC
12	Exchange on Ocean Observation	2 June	Brussels	EC
Close				
13	EU-China Blue Year Closing Ceremony	December	Beijing	China

This programme is indicative and does not create any legal or financial obligation under domestic or international law for either side and should be periodically reviewed.

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