

**Fourth EU-China High Level Innovation Cooperation Dialogue  
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**Joint Communiqué**

The fourth EU-China High Level Innovation Cooperation Dialogue (ICD) took place in Brussels on 9 April 2019 together with the 21<sup>st</sup> EU-China Summit. Mr Carlos Moedas, European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation and Mr Wang Zhigang, Chinese Minister of Science and Technology, co-chaired the meeting with the participation of high level representatives of government services and institutions from both sides.

The two sides shared views on science, technology and innovation (STI) collaboration and exchanged information about their latest plans and priorities, focusing on the Horizon Europe proposal for 2021-2027 from the EU side and on the Medium and Long Term Science & Technology Development Plan for 2021-2035 from the Chinese side. The two sides confirmed their intention to enhance communication and develop synergies between their respective plans.

The two sides took stock of progress and achievements in STI cooperation so far and agreed to launch the development of a joint roadmap for future EU-China STI collaboration. They agreed the general orientations and structure, as well as the methodology and timeline for producing a draft joint roadmap by the end of 2019.

During the Dialogue, the two sides had an exchange of views on framework conditions, including policies and measures to support SMEs in technology innovation. They highlighted the role of intellectual property protection and enforcement in stimulating innovation, aiming to further deepen results-driven cooperation in the creation, protection and application of intellectual property rights.

To address common challenges and contribute to reaching the Sustainable Development Goals, the two sides indicated that their programmes would support multilateral international research collaborations in the spirit of mutual openness.

The meeting also reiterated the agreement at the last ICD to promote open science and accelerate the transition to open access to scientific publications and research data. The two sides indicated that they will continue to work together in view of enabling open access in their new research and innovation programmes.

Regarding opportunities for cooperation on standardisation, the two sides expressed their willingness to continue cooperation in standardisation towards innovative research outcomes, to further open their standardisation processes and to work more closely within international standardisation organisations.

Both sides confirmed their intention to work closely together and agreed next steps in the field of research ethics and integrity for mutual benefit in light of challenges stemming from the use of new technologies, including Artificial Intelligence.

Finally, the two sides confirmed their agreement to proceed with tacit renewal of the Science and Technology Agreement and expressed their willingness to strengthen cooperation in research and innovation under the guiding principles of reciprocity and mutual benefit.