

EU-China Connectivity Platform Short-Term Action Plan

Vision of cooperation

1. In September 2015, the National Development and Reform Commission of the People's Republic of China and the European Commission signed the “Memorandum of understanding on establishing a Connectivity Platform between the EU and China”, clarifying that the platform’s objective is to strengthen information exchange, promote seamless transport connections and transport facilitation, synergize related policies and projects, create cooperation opportunities for Chinese and European enterprises, and an open, and transparent environment and a level playing field for investment in transport and other fields.
2. Jointly discuss and draft the “EU-China Connectivity Platform Annual Action Plan” (including an implementation timetable), which will help improve the cooperation on the EU-China Connectivity Platform, enhance the communication and cooperation between both sides in the field of transport infrastructure, enrich the cooperation’s content, and achieve new breakthroughs in the fields of strategy, planning, policy and investment and financing through new measures for pilot project

cooperation.

Specific actions

- Deepen strategic planning synergies
3. Strengthen the synergies between China's Belt and Road Initiative and the EU's Trans-European Transport Network's policy. Further promote EU-China connectivity strategic cooperation; support the implementation of infrastructure corridor development in the relevant countries and regions along the route.
- Cooperation in corridor infrastructure development.
4. Jointly conduct an "EU-China Railway Corridor Study" to define the most appropriate railway corridors, identify bottlenecks, identify and prioritize the missing links to improve the capacity and efficiency of rail corridors.
 5. Identify and plan the key multimodal hubs along the EU-China corridors, and offer policy guidance so as to ensure their proper functioning.
- Cooperation to improve the quality of infrastructure and related services
6. Deepen the discussion on the cooperation in infrastructure

standardization. Continue to carry out cooperation in technical standards systems for railways, highways, water transport, and civil aviation.

7. Promote multimodal transport connections, support the development of compatible and unified transport rules, promote the construction of transnational information platforms, and the use of standardized electronic transport documents.
8. Promote exchanges on developments in the transport infrastructure sector between China and EU. Use the EU-China Connectivity Platform to study the new trends in the transport infrastructure sector and to conceive innovative models for transport infrastructure development.

- Develop green transport infrastructure

9. Exchange experiences on green and low-carbon transport infrastructure. Facilitate training and exchanges between government departments and enterprises from both sides on development pathways for green and low-carbon transport infrastructure.

Working mechanism

10. Strengthen the regular exchanges and communication, organize specific technical workshops involving relevant stakeholders. Strengthen the functions of the Working Group,

including the supervision of the implementation of the Work Plan, as well as the supervision of the “EU-China Railway Corridor Study”.

11. In order to smoothly carry out project cooperation, establish a rolling implementation mechanism and jointly identify the list of pilot projects and priority actions, focusing on the key multimodal hubs and missing links on the Trans-European Network for Transport and the EU-China cargo train routes.