

Zoom-in China Online Training Series (1): Urbanisation

Date	4 November, 2021
Venue	Online, registration
Time	9:00-11:00 (CET), 16:00-18:00 (CST)
Host	IURC China
Participants	IURC pilot cities and regions
Language	English – Chinese, simultaneous interpretation available

BACKGROUND

In the past 40 years, China's urban population has grown from about 200 million or 20% in 1980 to nearly 800 million or 60% in 2020. That is about 1.5 times the total population of the EU. Urban development process in China is profoundly different from the urban development process in EU. For this reason, urbanisation in China and associated transition tendency is a very relevant topic for EU-China urban and regional development cooperation.

The Zoom-in China is part of the International Urban and Regional Cooperation (IURC) in China, participated by representatives of national and local governments, and urban development experts, discussing about long-term social, economic and ecological change in China. The aim is to provide EU city and regional representatives the context of urban transition in China, therefore help city and regional cooperation to lead in a more effective way and achieve a more satisfactory result.

OBJECTIVES

Through deep discussion on China urbanization context, this online session aims to identify challenges faced and strategies implemented in Chinese cities. The training may help EU cities to deep understand Chinese context and transfer the knowledge to the IURC China cooperation process by:

1. Sharing knowledge on the social, economic and technical context of Chinese cities
2. Identifying potential pilot areas in the future cooperation with Chinese counterparts.

AGENDA

moderator: FENG Keru, Key expert, IURC-China

Time	Programme
09:00 - 09:05 (CET) 16:00 - 16:05 (CST)	Opening Session Alexandra Lehmann <i>EU Delegation to China</i>
09:05 - 09:10 (CET) 16:05 - 16:10 (CST)	Background to the ZOOM-In WANG Qian <i>Team Leader, IURC China</i>
09:10 - 09:50 (CET) 16:10 - 16:50 (CST)	Setting the scene: Urbanization in China Professor Chris Hamnett <i>Emeritus Professor of Department of Geography, King's College London</i> <i>Visiting Professor of Department of Urban Planning, School of Public Policy, Renmin University of China, Beijing</i> Q&A
09:50 - 10:20 (CET) 16:50 - 17:20 (CST)	Sustainable Urban Renewal in China DAI Guowen <i>Director of Green Eco City Division, China Eco City Academy</i> <i>Member of CSUS - Urban Resilience Technical Committee</i> Q&A
10:20 - 10:50 (CET) 17:20 - 17:50 (CST)	Developing Human Smart Cities LIU Zhaohui <i>CTO of China Eco City Academy</i> <i>Executive Board Member, Chinese Society for Urban Studies</i> <i>Vice-chair and Vice Secretary-general of CSUS - Urban Big Data Technical Committee</i> Q&A
10:50 - 11:00 (CET) 17:50 - 18:00 (CST)	Summary, next steps and closing remarks