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## General Socio-economic Profile

Haikou, also known as the Coconut City, is located in the north of the Hainan Island. As the capital city of Hainan Province, Haikou is the center of politics, economy, science, technology and culture, and the transport hub.

Dating back to more than 1,000 years ago, Haikou is the "state-level city of historical and cultural heritage". Its unique location, a major portal opening to the Pacific and Indian oceans, makes it possible to reach 59 countries and 67% of the world population through an eight-hour flight. With first-class ecology and environment, Haikou's forest coverage rate is at 38.47%, its green area accounts for 42.7% of the

built-up area, and its share of days with good and excellent air quality stables at about 99% all year round. It is one of the first "International Wetland Cities" globally and China's first pilot city of "World Healthy City". With solid industrial foundation, Haikou focuses on tourism, modern service industry and high-tech industry. 70% of the province's high-tech enterprises and corporate headquarters are registered in Haikou, whose gross product accounts for one-third of the provincial total. Haikou enjoys favorable policies as a free trade port, especially regarding taxation and free cross-border flow of trade, investment, capital, personnel, logistics and data.

# Haikou



2,870,000



2,289 km<sup>2</sup>

Nature Based Solutions for Circular Cities and Regions

Sustainable urban agriculture, Agrofood Chain, Foods Systems

Technologies 4.0, Industry 5.0 & Digital Economy

Urban Agendas/planning, SUD Strategies, public space, urban model

Tourism, Culture and Creativity

Education, jobs & skills, Innovation centres, business clusters

Regional Innovation & Smart and Sustainable Specialization Strategies (RIS 4)

## Preferred Areas of Cooperation

Haikou will focus on innovation, sustainable development, carbon neutrality, ecological transformation and green development in its collaboration with Europe.

**Tourism and culture.** Haikou will make use of its rich natural and cultural resources and favorable free trade policies to work with Europe on tourism and culture.

**Education, employment and skill training.** Haikou will, under special policy support, seek to carry out cooperative education programs, vocational training and talent exchange activities with Europe.

**Healthcare and life science.** Taking Haikou High Tech Zone as a major platform, Haikou will work with Europe in the fields of medicine, healthcare and life science.

**Sustainable development and carbon neutrality.** Haikou will collaborate with Europe in new energy, eco-restoration, and carbon neutralization fields.

**Green development and urban renewal.** Haikou will focus its cooperation with Europe on environmental protection, green development, sustainable agriculture and urban renewal.

**Digital transition and smart city.** As Haikou is building a smart city, it will exchange and work with Europe in digital transformation and smart city.