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### General Socio-economic Profile

Liuzhou, located in southwest China, is a charming city with over 2,000 years of history. This cultural and historical city is a popular tourist destination. Thanks to its picturesque landscape, profound history, cultural heritage and sound environment, Liuzhou is famed as the most beautiful industrial city in China.

Liuzhou is a major transportation hub in China, connecting the central-south and southwest regions.

As an important land channel towards ASEAN, Liuzhou forms a modern transportation network of railways, motorways, waterways and airlines. Through the Guangdong-Guangxi-Chongqing-Xinjiang-Europe railway network, Liuzhou exports to Europe via Changsha, Wuhan, Zhengzhou, Guilin, Chongqing and Xinjiang. It also connects to Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao ports. Open platforms such as the Guangxi Free Trade Zone, China-EU Regional Policy Cooperation, and integrated large port have provided Liuzhou with unprecedented opportunities to work with European cities.

# Liuzhou



4,160,000



18,596 km<sup>2</sup>

Nature Based Solutions for Circular Cities and Regions

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

### Preferred Areas of Cooperation

In the coming three years, Liuzhou will continue expanding its cooperation with European cities, focus on developing a smart and green city, new energy, industry 4.0 and vocational education to attract foreign investment, encourage local enterprises to go global, and form an open and win-win situation through bilateral cooperation.

Furthermore, Liuzhou will enhance exchanges with the Barcelona Municipal Government and its planning agencies, so as to carry out the joint project of innovation district between Liuzhou and Barcelona. Meanwhile, Liuzhou will strengthen its collaboration with Europe in the field of advanced manufacturing and invite leading high-tech enterprises as well as SMEs from Europe to settle in Liudong New Area for the Chinese market.