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General Socio-economic Profile

Suzhou has jurisdiction over 4 county-level cities, 6 districts, including Suzhou Industrial Park, 14 state-level development zones, 6 provincial development zones and 8 customs special control areas. A total of 160,000 industrial enterprises have settled in the city, and those above the designated size have achieved total revenue of over RMB 3 trillion for eight consecutive years. The city has a well-established manufacturing system covering 31 industrial divisions, 161 industrial groups, and 483 industrial classes, which shows its outstanding vertical industrial integration.

The European Union is a major source of foreign investment in Suzhou and a major destination for

Suzhou's investment abroad. Among the world's top 500 companies from Europe, 48 have invested in Suzhou, and more than 40 have set up regional headquarters or functional offices here. Germany is not only a key source of investment for China, but also a major destination for Suzhou to invest in the EU. As the most active area of Sino-German cooperation, Taicang has attracted more than 400 German enterprises, in particular the KERN-LIEBERS (TAICANG) Co., Ltd., accounting for 60.61% of the total number of German-funded enterprises in Suzhou. In 2017, Prime Minister Li Keqiang said at the China-Germany Forum in Berlin that Taicang is the highland for Sino-German innovation cooperation.

Suzhou



7,443,300



8,657.3 km²

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

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

Preferred Areas of Cooperation

Taicang is actively building a modern garden city. Relying on its "5+1" rail transit network, Taicang coordinates its development with the Shanghai metropolitan area, supports the development of Hongqiao International Open Hub, and promotes the construction of Loujiang New Town, the Future City. Taicang hopes to work with European cities on innovative urban planning and sustainable development.

Taicang is taking action towards carbon emissions peaking and carbon neutrality. The city plans to build Loujiang New City into a green, low-carbon and smart 5S-city (Smart infrastructure, Supply, Science, Study and Service), with efforts to construct smart infrastructure that supports mobility, science, innovation, education and public administration. Taicang hopes to collaborate with European cities on green solutions, energy transition, digital transformation and sustainable agriculture.