

Online Workshop

**The European Green Deal and External Policies:
European Perspectives and Implications for Asia-Pacific
The Case of China**

Date: 6 November 2020

16h00 CST/ 09h00 CET

ZOOM-Meeting

Background

The European Union has traditionally been a pioneer in setting ambitious targets and fostering global cooperation regarding environmental policies to promote sustainable development within Europe and on a global level.

In December 2019, the president of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, named the *European Green Deal* as "Europe's hallmark." With a 250 billion Euro projected funding, it is one of the most ambitious projects the E.U. has set up so far – aiming at no less than "Europe becoming the first climate-neutral continent."

Despite the E.U. still being the largest single market, the ambitious goal of the "European Green Deal" can only be achieved by redefining the exchange patterns with other major economies. As the national economies of the Asia-Pacific region will remain the most dynamic ones and are currently undergoing their own major transformations, they will be chosen as points of reference.

The research project aims at contributing to the role of the European Union as a normative power in shaping multilateral frameworks to achieve the goals laid down in the COP21, the 2030 Agenda, and other global agreements on sustainable development.

Objectives of the Webinar / Guiding questions:

- How is the EU's Green Deal perceived in China?
- Where do you see fields of cooperation both in politics and business? Are there any concrete examples?
- How can a substantive dialogue between both 'worlds' be established?
- Is the current framework of bi- and multilateral trade agreements etc. well designed to achieve the goals of the EU Green Deal?
- What is the understanding of sustainable development in China and Asia, and what lessons can be learnt from that?

Agenda

09 00 / 16 00 **Welcoming Remarks**

Dr. Peter *Hefe*, Director Asia-Pacific, KAS, Berlin

Prof. Linyu *Xu*, Vice Dean, School of Environment, Beijing Normal University, China

Prof. Dr. Thomas *Hoerber*, Director of EU*Asia Institute, ESSCA School of Management

09 10 / 16 10 **Introduction into the Topic**

Professor Dr. Sonia *Chikh M'hamed*, ESSCA School of Management & KAS fellow, Berlin/Shanghai

09 15 / 16 15 **Session 1**

Green Transformation in China: Achievements and Challenges

Moderation: Professor Dr. Wei *Shen*, Associate Dean for International Relations at Deakin University.

09 20 / 16 20 *Statement 1:*

China 's Agenda for a Green Transformation – a political perspective

Professor Dingding *Chen*, Director Intellisla Institute & Jinan University

09 30/ 16 30 *Statement 2:*

Sustainable City Development in China: The Case of Chunan County

Professor Dr. Xiang *Feng*, Director of EURICUR-Shanghai (European Institute for Comparative Urban Research) & Shanghai Normal University

- 09 40 / 16 40 *Statement 3: Carbon Trading Pilot Market and Carbon Pricing in Beijing*
Dr. Caocao *Chen*, Beijing Environmental Protection Bureau, Climate Change Center
(Urban Government Officer)
- 09 45 / 16 45 *Statement 4: China's Carbon Neutrality Commitment, Urban Implementation Path
and Global Impact*
Professor Dr. Gengyuan *Liu*, Beijing Normal University, School of Environment
- 09 50 / 16 50 *Discussion*
- 10 00 / 17 00 *Coffee/Tea break*
- 10 10 / 17 10 **Session 2**
**Partners in Transformation: Potential for EU-China Relations within the EU
Green Deal**
*Moderation: Dr. Christian Hübner, Director Regional Programme Energy Security
and Climate Change Asia-Pacific (RECAP), Hongkong SAR, China*
- 10 15 / 17 15 *Statement 1: Potentials for EU-China relations within the EU Green Deal*
Lina *Li*, Project Manager Climate policy, adelphi, Berlin.
- 10 25 / 17 25 *Statement 2: Potentials for EU-China relations within the EU Green Deal*
Lutz *Weischer*, Head of Policy, Germanwatch, Berlin
- 10 35 / 17 35 *Statement 3: Potentials for EU-China relations within the EU Green Deal*
Oliver *Radtko*, Senior Project Manager, Section Climate Change, International
Understanding & Cooperation, Robert Bosch Stiftung
- 10 45 / 17 45 *Discussion*
- 1055 / 1755 *Conclusions and next steps*
Professor Dr. Gengyuan *Liu*, Beijing Normal University, School of Environment
Professor Dr. Sonia *Chikh M'hamed*, ESSCA Shanghai, KAS Fellow 2020/21
- 1100 / 1800 End of Workshop
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