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About EU-China Dialogue on Migration and Mobility Support Project

Working towards improved management of migration and mobility

Introduction

The 'EU-China Dialogue on Migration and Mobility Support Project' is an initiative funded by the Partnership Instrument (PI) of the European Union (EU) and implemented by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the International Labour Organization (ILO).

This PI action aims at maximizing the benefits of international migration and focuses on the four pillars of the Global Approach to Migration and Mobility framework that are of common interest to both European and Chinese stakeholders.

To strengthen the dialogue between EU and China on migration and mobility, and to deliver more substantive results, this project will ensure a needs-based approach to cooperation that recognizes both sides' migration challenges and opportunities, fostering ownership of the respective Chinese and European partners.

The project will offer a new, more flexible and strategic approach to support the evolving dialogue and cooperation between EU and China. In fact there are promising signs of increased mutual interest in migration and mobility issues, although outstanding differences in priorities and capacities still remain to be addressed to reach a more advanced stage of dialogue and cooperation.

Main Objectives

The project contributes to a better management of mobility and legal migration between the EU and China, as well as to reduce irregular migratory flows stemming from China. Its specific objectives are to support the EU-China Dialogue on Mobility and Migration, further develop EU-China cooperation in this area and strengthen relevant migration management capacities of the competent Chinese authorities.

Focus Areas

- ◆ Organizing and facilitating regular migration and mobility
- ◆ Preventing and reducing irregular migration
- ◆ Maximizing development impact of migration and mobility
- ◆ Promoting international protection.

Together, these four pillars constitute the central framework of this project, around which a wide range of activities are designed to support a strategically structured EU-China Dialogue and cooperation on migration and mobility.

Project Outcomes

A structured and well-functioning migration dialogue between EU and China is consolidated and supported.

Regular migration and mobility opportunities between China and EU are strengthened and promoted, and the rights of migrant workers protected.

The capacity of Chinese stakeholders is strengthened to prevent and reduce irregular migration from China to EU, address human trafficking and reduce the presence of Chinese irregular migrants in EU through return, readmission and reintegration measures, while ensuring international protection in mixed migration flows.

Policy makers and practitioners draw on international good practice and research to improve cooperation on migration and mobility and maximize the development impacts.

Partnerships

Key European partners include the EU Member States, EU departments, services and agencies (e.g Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI), Migration and Home Affairs (DG-HOME), International Cooperation and Development (DG-DEVCO), European External Action Service (EEAS), Europol, Eurojust and Frontex and EU Delegation to China.

Key Chinese government partners include the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Ministry of Public Security (MPS), Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM), China International Contractors Association (CHINCA) of the Ministry of Commerce, All-China Federation of Trade Unions (ACFTU), the State Administration of Foreign Experts Affairs (SAFEA) and other relevant entities.

Partnership Instrument (PI)

Through the PI, one of the instruments financing the European Union's external action, the EU cooperates with partners around the world to advance its strategic interests and tackle global challenges. The PI is managed by the **Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI)**, a service of the European Commission working alongside the European External Action Service (EEAS) and EU Delegations around the world and tasked with preparing and implementing foreign-policy related actions in a broad number of areas.

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