

## TRANS-URBAN-EU-CHINA WEEK IN BEIJING 2018

3 - 7 September, the TRANS-URBAN-EU-CHINA (Transition towards urban sustainability through socially integrative cities in the EU and in China <http://transurbaneuchina.eu/>) has received prominent attention through a series of events. With a programme, this H2020 project was disseminated to the Chinese Ministry of Housing and Urban and Rural Development (MOHURD), the Delegation of the European Union to China (DEUC), Chinese and European advisory experts and research associations, as well as to local residents in Beijing and young researchers from China, Germany, Jamaica, Italy, and Norway. The project led by the Leibniz Institute of Ecological Urban and Regional Development (IOER) and 13 partners from Europe and China is tackling the question of how urban development can be more sustainable through socially integrative cities.

At the Steering Board Meeting in the Forbidden City, project consortiums presented the current status of the project to Huang Yan, Vice Minister of the MOHURD as well as to Chris Wood, Deputy Head of the DEUC.



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*Minister Huang Yan, and EU-Diplomat Chris Wood, photo provided by CAUPD*

*"For us, who are researching and working on the TRANS-URBAN-EU-CHINA project, the attention already given to the project is, of course, very positive, which makes us hope that the recommendations that we develop later will actually be received into the practice of urban development", said after the meeting, Professor Bernhard Müller, project manager and executive director of the IOER.*



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*Professor Bernhard Müller, project manager and executive director of the IOER, photo provided by CAUPD*

The Urban Living Labs Workshop invited 30 experts, i.e. TRANS-URBAN-EU-CHINA and JPI Urban Europe partners, representatives from research institutions and city network organisations, as well as governmental organisations. The aim was to create a common understanding of Urban Living Labs as a method and its benefits, as well as requirements and framework conditions to support the operationalisation of an Urban Living Labs approach in the Chinese context; learn from successful applications of Urban Living Labs, and; identify the benefits, aims and benefits of implementing Urban Living Labs in China.



*ULL Workshop, photo provided by CAUPD and JPI Urban Europe*

The Young Researchers Workshop on 'Sustainable Urbanisation in the EU and in China' gathered 20 young talent researchers to explore knowledge, exchange ideas, build networks with well-known experienced researchers outside classrooms within the framework of TRANS-URBAN-EU-CHINA. The workshop provided an opportunity to meet and discuss and to develop new ideas about sustainable urbanization in the EU and in China.







*Young Researcher Workshop, photo provided by CAUPD and IOER*

The Project Sites Excursion invited around 25 researches, especially young researchers, to visit two project sites in Beijing, i.e. Bai Wan Zhuang and Da Shi Ler. The excursion demonstrated the process and outcomes of community building during China's rapid urbanization in last 40 years. Participants also got close communication and interaction with local residents in those communities for a deeper understanding of sustainable urbanization in the Chinese context.



*Project Sites Excursion, photo provided by THSA and IGSNRR, CAS*

It was a wonderful week. We give our special thanks to China Academy of Urban Planning and Design (CAUPD) for their hospitality, JPI Urban Europe for organising a ULL Workshop, and the School of Architecture of Tsinghua University (THSA) and the Institute of Geographical Sciences and Natural Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences (IGSNRR, CAS) for the Project Sites Excursion.

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