

中欧民间组织交流项目

EU - China NGO-Twinning Program

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Call for applications

This first-of-its-kind exchange program gives European and Chinese NGO staff the opportunity to work and study in a Chinese or European organization for 4 to 8 weeks. The program is designed as a twinning exchange, i.e. two organizations working on similar thematic issues exchange a member of their staff. The exchange is designed to strengthen future cooperation and to facilitate the kick-off for joint projects. The NGO Twinning program is open to organizations from all thematic areas dealing with environmental and social justice.

Background and aims of the program

The political, economic and cultural relations between Europe and China have been growing substantially over the last few years. We consider it equally important to involve the civil societies of both regions in this process. Therefore, we advocate the establishment of trust-building relations, alliances and cooperation between civil society organizations and NGOs from Europe and China. The long-term goal of this exchange program is to obtain a better understanding of developments in both regions and to strengthen similar forces working for the promotion of civil society.

From China to Europe: China is becoming increasingly important for the different domains of European NGOs' work. However, there often is a lack of access to information and know-how on engagement in the Chinese society. This NGO exchange program will channel the missing information on Chinese developments directly into important multiplier organizations in Europe.

From Europe to China: At the same time, Chinese NGOs will gain important insight into working methods of European NGOs. These processes will enable more Chinese NGOs, think tanks and grassroots activists to participate in international debates. The program supports professionalization and internationalization and enables organizations from both regions to develop joint visions for a better future.

What we offer

Associated costs for

- Accommodation
- living expenses and
- air fares (economy class)

will be covered by the organizers (for more information on which expenses will be covered, please view: <http://www.eu-china-twinning.org/application-guide/faq/>).

However, we expect a small contribution of the participants or their organizations – this could be part of the fare for the flight-ticket, small financial contributions to living expenses or support for public transportation.

Additionally, the participants will be provided with

- preparatory workshops
- thematic trainings/capacity building seminars on topics relevant for their work, e.g. political and societal backgrounds of and civil society development in the respective region
- reflection seminars.

Exchange structure

- End of August 2014: Preparatory workshop for European participants
- September and October 2014: Exchange period for European participants in Chinese partner organizations
- Mid September 2014: Thematic workshop for European participants/preparatory workshop for Chinese participants in China
- October to December 2014: Exchange period for Chinese participants in European host organizations
- Beginning of November 2014: Thematic workshop for Chinese/reflection seminar for European participants in Europe
- End of November 2014: reflection seminar for Chinese participants either in Europe or China

Please note:

- Visiting participants should be supported in visiting information events related to their work topics and should be provided with networking opportunities in the NGO environment
- Participants will be able to work part time for their own organization during the exchange period

How to apply

Applications should ideally be submitted jointly by one European and one Chinese organization including a jointly developed proposal for a topic/project for the exchange. Please note that joint applications will be preferred to single applications.

Joint application: For a joint application of a European and Chinese organization please fill in the attached application form (in English).

Application without partner organization: If you would like to apply and do not yet have an exchange partner organization in the respective other region we can assist in finding a suitable twinning organization. In this case, please fill in the form for single application/request for twinning partner search (in English)

Application Forms (also attached to the mail):

<http://www.eu-china-twinning.org/application-forms/>

Please send your application to the following address:

eu-china-ngo-twinning@asienhaus.de

Requirements for application

Participating organizations should:

- be able to provide an English-speaking working environment or contact person with English language skills
- be able to provide a desk, a PC and a telephone and a contact person who can support the exchange fellow
- help with the travel preparation (visa application, flight booking) and help providing accommodation/ guest families

Participants should:

- be able to communicate at work in English
- have several years of working experience, ideally in the NGO sector.

Please find more information on the application at:

<http://www.eu-china-twinning.org/application-guide/how-to-apply/> and

<http://www.eu-china-twinning.org/how-to-find-a-twinning-partner/>

Deadline for application is the 25th of May 2014