



Initiators



German Asia Foundation (Essen, coordination)
www.asienstiftung.de



Développement et Civilisations – Lebrecht-Irfed
(Paris), www.lebrecht-irfed.org

Focus on the Global South (Bangkok)
www.focusweb.org



German NGO Forum on Environment and Development (Berlin/Bonn), www.forumue.de



IG Metall (Frankfurt/Main)
www.igmetall.de



Informationsstelle Lateinamerika (Bonn)
www.ila-bonn.de



INKOTA - Netzwerk e.V. (Berlin)
www.inkota.de

Monitoring Sustainability of Globalization
(Petaling Jaya)



Südasiens-Informationsnetz (Berlin)
www.suedasien.info



Southeast Asia Information Center (Essen)
www.asienhaus.de



Südwind-Agentur (Wien)
www.suedwind-agentur.at



Transnational Institute – TNI (Amsterdam)
www.tni.org



Vlaamse Noord-Zuid-Beweging (11.11.11)
(Bruxelles), www.11.be



Weltumspannend Arbeiten – ÖGB (Linz)
www.weltumspannend-arbeiten.at



Werkstatt Ökonomie e.V.
(Heidelberg, coordination), www.woek.de

The Internet portal www.eu-china.net

- Offers background information, analyses, studies and position papers by civil society organizations on developments in Europe-China relations.
- Publicizes important civil society contributions from China in the „Voices from China“ blog.
- Provides access to key documents on relations between the EU, its members and China.
- Presents data on the development of Europe-China economic relations.
- Compiles educational materials for use in both the formal and informal education sectors.
- Provides information on civil society organization events.
- Announces important new publications.

Additional Services

- Publications for educational activities
- „Living in China“ travelling exhibition (from 2009)
- Assistance in finding trainers for educational activities

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**EU – China:
for social and ecological
justice**



A China of Contradictions

Photo: Dr. Klaus Fritzsche

Everyone is talking about China. It is a land Europe looks towards both admiringly and apprehensively, intrigued but with mixed feelings. What is China? A developing country or a world power? A partner or a threat? A market with endless possibilities or a great cultural nation?

Our impressions of China are as conflicting and contradictory as the developments in China itself. The tendency to generalize and oversimplify does not help.

EU and China: mutual dependencies

Relations between the EU, its members and China are diverse. We have seen the emergence of mutual dependencies. China is now the EU's second largest trading partner and Germany's third largest supplier. The EU is China's most important export market today.

The trade and economic policy of the EU Commission supports China's integration into the world market and presses for further deregulation of Chinese markets. A new partnership agreement is intended to provide a sound footing for relations between China and the EU.

These efforts must not be limited to economic interests and perspectives alone, however. The social and ecological consequences of China's development path have a dramatic impact on the people of China. Indeed, the global effects of China's development pose a challenge to both environmental and development policy.

EU – China: Civil Society Forum. Objectives

The purpose of the „EU – China: Civil Society Forum“ is to foster the development of relations between the EU, its members and China and to ensure that their relations promote social justice, contribute to the protection of the environment and strengthen human rights.

The „EU – China: Civil Society Forum“ therefore aims to:

- Enable informed public debate on China and Europe-China relations within the EU, a debate grounded on diversified images of China and solutions to problems sought constructively, rather than in confrontational isolation.
- Support political institutions within the EU and its members in shaping relations with China according to social, human rights and ecological objectives.
- Ensure that labour standards and additional social and ecological standards are adhered to in Chinese affiliated companies and suppliers of European enterprises.
- Promote an increased level of understanding and cooperation between European and Chinese civil society actors.

The „EU – China: Civil Society Forum“ is working alongside other civil society stakeholders in Europe and China in pursuit of these objectives.

Hainan: Protect the coral reefs – preserve the blue sanctum



EU – China: Civil Society Forum. Activities

Photo: Sven Hansen

The „EU – China: Civil Society Forum“ was initiated by the „EU – China: civil society partnership for social and ecological justice“ project. The forum:

- Invites civil society organizations from Europe and China to form an open network.
- Organizes exchange programmes for Chinese and European civil society actors.
- Provides information on developments in China, the China policy of the EU and its members and China's policy on the EU.
- Develops proposals on how relations between the EU, its members and China can promote social and ecological justice.
- Hosts international symposia in Europe and China.
- Offers events and materials for multipliers from the development, environmental and peace education sectors.
- Prepares background information for the media.
- Participates in training for works councils and union officials.
- Initiates expert discussions with parliamentarians and representatives of governments and the European Commission.