



## **China Europe Water Platform Business Exchange Meeting at 16<sup>th</sup> China International Water Business Summit**

### ***Participation Recap***

Date: June 9<sup>th</sup> 2021

Venue: China Optics Valley Convention & Exhibition Center, Wuhan, Hubei China + Zoom (Online)

Participant: Liam Jia, EU SME Centre

Deputy Director of International Cooperation and Science and Technology Department, Ministry of Water Resources of PRC, Mr. Li Ge and the Portuguese Ambassador to China, H.E. Mr. José Augusto Duarte representing the European Secretariat of CEWP attended the conference and gave their opening remarks.

The summit consists of two sections focusing respectively on policy interpretations and technologies exchanges. Target group includes organisations from Chinese and European government bodies, scientific research institutions and enterprises. Introduction to development priorities, market demands had been made. Discussion around potential cooperation opportunities of water conservancy during the "14th Five-Year Plan" period had been held in order to efficiently promote exchanges and cooperation between China and Europe in the field of water.

Takeaways on the implementation planning of the Chinese Ministry:

- 1/ Creating a national water network
- 2/ Creating a rigid restriction policy to limit water use
- 3/ Forming ecological corridors connecting rivers and lakes
- 4/ Improving water resource ecological compensation mechanism
- 5/ Structuring a smart water network

In the policy interpretation section, Huang Yan, deputy chief engineer of the Yangtze River Water Conservancy Commission of the Ministry of Water Resources, gave a report on the support and guarantee of water conservancy to promote the high-quality development of the Yangtze River Economic Belt. Anabella Rebelo, expert from the Portuguese Environment Agency, introduced the urban water development and wastewater reuse policies and opportunities under the EU's carbon neutral goals. Yang Xiaoru, deputy director of the Water Resources and Hydropower Planning and Design Institute of the Ministry of Water Resources, interpreted and analyzed the water conservancy tasks in the "14th Five-Year Plan" outline.

During the technical exchange session, on behalf of CEWP and the EU SME Centre, the Operations Manager Liam Jia gave an introduction to market access for European businesses in the Water sector in China.



Experts and representatives from the Danish Geological Survey Bureau, the Sino-French Haihe River Basin Water Resources Integrated Management Project, Veolia China, Onika Water Treatment from Hungary, UROS from Finland, SOMMER Testing from Austria have shared their experiences and successful cases in their operations in China. More than 100 representatives attended this meeting.

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