



1st Working Group Meeting of the EU- China Connectivity Platform

Results and prospects

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1st Meeting of WG on EU-China "Connectivity Platform"

- **The first Working Group meeting of the Connectivity Platform (CP) took place on 20-22 January in Brussels.**
- **Focus was on made on :**
- **Infrastructure planning (One Belt, One Road and TEN-T), and possible cooperation (incl. in third countries)**
- **Explanation relating to our respective regulatory framework : public procurement, competition, environment, technical standards).**
- **Financing cooperation.**
- **Border crossing facilitation.**
- **Cooperation on standards (in rail)**



Main outcome of the meeting:

- **Identify and map the transport corridors between the EU and China;**
- **Identify a list of pilot projects and priority actions;**
- **Create an expert group (COM – EIB – CDB) that will work on financing options for those projects;**
- **Work on transport facilitation issues in the identified projects and corridors – in the areas of standards, customs, interoperability, logistics, etc.**
- **Discuss ways to encourage industry participation and ensure a level playing field for private operators.**
- **Identify pilot projects on low carbon and smart transport solutions and enhance cooperation in inland waterways.**



Next steps

- . **At the EU level, the Commission will work in close cooperation with MS and Industry;**
- **A second WG meeting may take place in the late spring in order to prepare Chairs' Meeting (Commissioner Bulc and NDRC Chairman Xu) that should take at the margins of the 2016 EU-China Summit (third week of July).**
- **Potential EU-China industry forum taking place back-to-back (tbc).**



Thank you for your attention

