



Online Event

China and the EU – new alliances for climate action?

Background

2020 should have been the 'climate super year', but the **COVID-19** virus has massively disrupted major economic areas such as the European Union and China, both of which were heavily affected by the pandemic. Especially now, during this critical phase for international climate policy, how can the EU and China set positive accents and forge new alliances for more climate action?

As Germany currently holds the **EU presidency**, the country has a unique opportunity to shape EU policy together with its partners.

China has become increasingly aware of the **consequences - not only within its own borders - of climate change** and is prepared to assume a leading role and take international responsibility in implementing the **Paris Climate Agreement**.

Within this context, the **Federal Foreign Office (AA)** and the **German Energy Agency (dena)** are organising a pivotal event with leading figures and high-ranking guests, both from China and Germany, as well as prominent guests from around the world. The discussions will be conducted via a dedicated **online platform**.

Date and location

- **6 October 2020**, 9:15 am to 11:30 am (MEZ/CET) Berlin
Europe Central European Time

Programme items

- **Welcome / Greetings** (Foreign Office / Chinese Embassy)
- **Moderation:** dena's Chief Executive, Andreas Kuhlmann, leads participants through the programme
- **Panel discussion sessions:** Representatives from politics (AA / EU / BMU / COP26) as well as science, media, think tanks (PIK / IGDP / Handelsblatt / MERICS)
- **Live broadcasts / video messages** from the German Ambassador in Beijing, Clemens von Goetze
- **Questions from the live chat**
- **Get together** on-site / virtual

Topics

- Climate protection in the 5-year plan and Green Deal
- Green recovery in the EU and China
- Environmental standards and Green Finance
- Climate Policy in third countries
- Strategies for COP26

Audience / target groups

- Members of the Bundestag, ministries, industry, industry associations, science, foundations and NGOs
- EU representatives, national and international think tanks
- Representatives from Chinese Government organisations
- Representatives from Government organisations from other countries

Content and goals

Experts from politics, science and society talk about the potential of a Chinese-EU alliance for better climate action. Current developments will be outlined and discussed, such as the climate and environmental policy priorities of the 14th Five-Year Plan (2021-2025), connecting points of green recovery programmes in China and the EU, and possible cooperations with other countries in the field of energy and climate policy.

Schedule

Introduction	Approx. 9:10	Andreas Kuhlmann , dena CEO
Video Intro	9:15	
Opening Remarks	9:20	Niels Annen , Minister of State at the Federal Foreign Office H.E. Wu Ken , Chinese Ambassador to Germany via livestream
Panel Discussion Part I (Political Dimension) Key Questions What positive impetus can China and the EU give to COP26? What are the chances for a new EU-China climate policy leadership duo? And could a new alliance for more climate protection help to strengthen the relationship between China and the EU as a whole?	9:30	Moderated by Andreas Kuhlmann , dena CEO Participants: Maria Spyra ki, Vice-Chair, Delegation for relations with the People's Republic of China , European Parliament via livestream Niels Annen , Minister of State at the Federal Foreign Office Jochen Flasbarth , State Secretary at the Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety Wendy Morton , Minister for European Neighbourhood and the Americas, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland via livestream Prof. Li Junfeng former Director General of the National Center for Climate Change (CEE), member of high-ranking scientific committees via livestream
Questions & Answers from the live-chat		
Intermission	10:25	
Live broadcast	10:30	H. E. Clemens von Goetze , German Ambassador to China
Panel Discussion Part II (Science, Think Thanks, Media) Key Questions How "green" will the forthcoming economic stimulus packages in Europe be? How "green" will the next Five-Year Plan be? In which areas should China and the EU cooperate more? Can there be a common foreign policy on climate change?	10:40	Moderated by Andreas Kuhlmann , dena CEO Participants: Ottmar Edenhofer , Prof. Dr., Director and Chief Economist of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK) via livestream Hu Min , Executive Director Innovative Green Development Program (IGDP) via livestream Nis Grünberg , Dr., Mercator Institute for China Studies (MERICS) Dana Heide China Correspondent, Handelsblatt Newspaper via livestream
Questions & Answers from the live-chat		
End of the event	11:30	