Opportunities for EU-China space cooperation

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Areas for international partnerships

- Explore the Universe
- Monitor the Earth (climate, environment, health, information)
- Living in Space
- Transportation technology
- Protecting Earth from space hazards
- Space debris





Space research interests in China (I)

- China will establish an integrated nationwide ambient air quality monitoring network in 2015 integrating various monitoring networks into one platform:
 - Atmospheric background
 - Rural air quality
 - Acid deposition
 - Sand and dust storms
 - Greenhouse gases



Space research interests in China (II)

- Space based applications (Navigation, Satcom, Earth observation)
- Space exploration (Moon ...)
- Space science, space station
- Space technologies, transportation and launchers
- Space debris mitigation and removal
 Several topics of mutual interest for EU



EU Space research projects with Chinese partners

- Currently 4 projects funded under Space theme in area of atmosphere & climate monitoring:
 - AMFIC (completed)
 - DRAGONESS (completed)
 - CARBONES (ongoing)
 - CORE-CLIMAX (recently selected)
- 1 project relating to cubesats:
 - QB50 (ongoing)





AMFIC

- Title: Air Quality Monitoring and Forecasting in China
- EU contribution: €1.1 million
- Chinese participants:
 - IAP Institute of Atmospheric Physics
 - National Satellite Meteorological Center NSMC



DRAGONESS



Dragon programme in support of harmonising European and Chinese marine monitoring for environment and security system

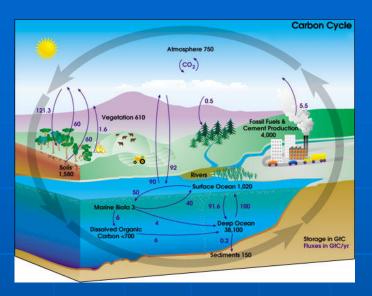
EU contribution: €0.5 million

Chinese partners:

- The Institute of Atmospheric Physics (IAP)
- National Marine Environmental Forecasting Center
- National Satellite Ocean Application Service
 Nansen-Zhu international research center
- Second Institute of Oceanography State Oceanic **Administration**
- Beijing Normal University
- Ministry of Science and Technology



CARBONES



30-year re-analysis of carbon fluxes and pools over Europe and the Globe

EU contribution: €2.6 million

Chinese partner: Beijing University



QB50



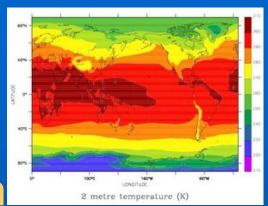
International network of 50 CubeSats for multi-point, in-situ measurements in the lower thermosphere and re-entry research

- EU contribution: €8.0 million
- Chinese partner: Northwestern Polytechnic University



CORE-CLIMAX

Coordinating Earth observation data validation



for re-analysis for climate services

EU contribution: €2.0 million

Chinese partners:

- Institute of Tibetan Plateau Research
- Chinese Academy of Sciences
- Cold and Arid Regions Environmental and Engineering Research Institute



Cooperation with China

An EU-China "Space Dialogue" is in preparation Potential topics for cooperation under H2020:

- Remote sensing capabilities for climate change monitoring, marine environment and air quality monitoring (next call)
- Space weather
- Exploration of the Solar System (Moon, Mars)
- Life science
- Experiments on the Chinese Space Station
- Technologies for avoidance and removal of space debris



Conclusions

Opportunities for EU-China cooperation

- Both in Earth observation / GMES
- Climate change monitoring
- Specific topic to encourage Chinese participation in air quality monitoring projects in our next call
- Space technologies (EU-China space technology conference – Summit Feb 12)
- Experimental work on the Chinese space station

More information: ec.europa.eu/embrace-space



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