11th China-Europe Water Platform (CEWP)
High Level Dialogue Conference (HLDC)

Monday, 2nd February 2026	
11th China-Europe Water Platform (CEWP) High Level Dialogue Conference **2:30-6:00 p.m.** **Venue: Room Hallstein, Berlaymont** **Interpretation: Simultaneous**	
Chairs: - **Jin Hai, Director-General, Department of International Cooperation, Science and Technology, PR China Ministry of Water Resources (MWR)** - **Pedro Liberato, European Secretary of the China-Europe Water Platform (Ministry of Environment and Energy, Portugal)**	
2:30 - 3:30 p.m. (*Exact duration subject to number of high-level attendees*)	*[The Chairs will open the meeting – 2' each]* **Ministerial Dialogue (Chaired by Mr. Pedro Liberato)** - **Welcoming remarks by Commissioner Jessika Roswall (7')** - **Opening remarks by the Secretary of State for European Affairs of Portugal, Inês Domingos (7')** - **Opening Speech by the Minister of Water Resources of the People's Republic of China, Mr. Li Guoying (10')** - **Mr. Tomas Taraba, Deputy Prime-Minister and Minister of Environment of Slovak Republic (7')** - **Ms. Anja Bagaric, State Secretary, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Green Transition of Croatia (5')** - **Mr. Lauri Hirvonen, Deputy Permanent Representative of Finland to the European Union (3')** - **Mr Michael Schembri, Chief Policy Officer (Water) at the Energy and Water Agency of Malta (3')** - **Mr. Johan Kling, Senior advisor on water management, Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management (3')** - **Mr. Eric Tardieu, Executive Director, 'Office International de L' Eau on behalf of the French Government (3')**
3:30 - 3:45 p.m.	**Progress Report: China-EU Water Cooperation (Chaired by Mr. Jin Hai)** - **Hao Zhao, Director-General, International Economic & Technical Cooperation and Exchange Centre, MWR (CEWP Chinese Secretariat) and Diana Carlos representative from the Portuguese Ministry of Environment and Energy (CEWP European Secretariat) – Cooperation under CEWP (4' each)** - **LI Yinghao, Team Leader, EU-China Cooperation on Water Project: Progress of EU-China Cooperation on Water Project (7')**
3:45 - 4:05 p.m.	**Keynote Session: Water and Climate Change (chaired by Mr. Jin Hai)** - **Inês Andrade, Member of the Board, Portuguese Environment Agency: "Restoration strategy for Portuguese rivers: nature-based solutions" (10')** - **Dai Jiqun, President, Nanjing Hydraulic Research Institute, Ministry of Water Resources of China: "Innovations in Resilient Water Networks" (10')**

4.05 - 4.10.p.m	**Wrap-up by the Chairs (2′ each)**
4:10 - 4:25 p.m.	**Group Photo**
4:25-4:40 p.m.	**Coffee Break**
Chair: - **Hao Zhao, Director-General, International Economic & Technical Cooperation and Exchange Center, China's Ministry of Water Resources**	
4:40 - 5:20 p.m.	**Thematic Exchange 1: Basin Governance Under Climate Change and Twinning Cooperation** - **Liu Jiangxia, Deputy Director, Water Resources Conservation Scientific Research Institute, Haihe River Water Conservancy Commission: "Haihe Basin Governance & Twinning Cooperation" and Baptiste Blanchard, Seine Grands Lacs organization (France)– (10′)** - **Yin Xiongrui, Deputy Director, Basin Planning and Policy Research Centre, Songliao Water Resources Commission: "Management of the Songliao River Basin Under Global Climate Change and China-Italy Cooperation on Basin Twinning" and Mrs. Patrizia Marani from the Italian Po River Basin (tbc) (10′)** - **Xu Zhaoming, General Planner, Changjiang Water Resources Commission: "Thoughts and Measures for the Yangtze River Basin Governance Under Climate Change & Twinning Cooperation" and Mr. Lábdy Jeno, General Directorate of Water Management of Hungary – (10′)** - **Jucar River Basin (Spain) Representative and Hebei Province representative. (10′)**
Chair: - **Pedro Liberato, European Secretary of the China-Europe Water Platform (Ministry of Environment and Energy, Portugal)**	
5:20 - 5:40 p.m.	**Thematic Exchange 2: Innovative Diversified Water Financing** - **Sophie Tremolet, Water Team Leader, OECD: Innovative Water Financing Mechanisms (10′)** - **Xu Jiangnan, Division Chief, Zhejiang Provincial Department of Water Resources: "Zhejiang's practice in Realizing the Value of Water Ecological products" (10′)**
5:40 - 5:45 p.m.	**Q&A**
5:45- 6:00 p.m	**Partnership Signing** - **River Basin Twinning Signing Ceremony: Representatives of paired China-EU basin authorities sign MoUs, witnessed by attendees – (10′)** **- Haihe River Water Conservancy Commission (China) & Seine Grands Lacs Organization (France)** **· Changjiang Water Resources Commission (China) & General Directorate of Water Management of Hungary (Hungary)**