

## D1.7 WP1 SUMMARY REPORT (M25-M36)

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## 1 LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

| Abbreviation          | Meaning   |
|-----------------------|---|
| <b>BAST</b>           | Beijing Association for Science and Technology                      |
| <b>CEATEC</b>         | China Europe Association for Technological and Economic Cooperation |
| <b>CIPDA</b>          | China Intellectual Property Development Alliance                    |
| <b>CTSA-CCUS</b>      | China Technology and Strategic Alliance for CO2 Capture and Storage |
| <b>DoA</b>            | Description of the Action – annex 1 to the GA                       |
| <b>EC</b>             | European Commission   |
| <b>EU</b>             | European Union  |
| <b>EUCCC</b>          | European Union Chamber of Commerce in China                         |
| <b>NCCS</b>           | Norwegian CCS Research Centre                                       |
| <b>WIPO</b>           | World Intellectual Property Organisation                            |
| <b>WP</b>             | Work package  |
| <b>CCUS</b>           | Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage                              |
| <b>WGDO</b>           | World Green Design Organization                                     |
| <b>CHA</b>            | China Hydrogen Alliance   |
| <b>ECKF</b>           | Europe China Knowledge Forum  |
| <b>NBA</b>            | Norwegian Business Association in China                             |
| <b>FinnCham China</b> | The Finnish Business Platform Across Mainland China                 |
| <b>SwedCham China</b> | The Swedish Chamber of Commerce in China                            |
| <b>Benelux China</b>  | The Benelux Chamber of Commerce in China                            |
| <b>CBD</b>            | Central Business District   |
| <b>GCCSI</b>          | Global Carbon Capture and Storage Institute                         |
| <b>NCSTI</b>          | International Center for Science & Technology Innovation            |

## **2 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

After the ReConnect China had been operated for one year (M01-M12), it entered into the Year Two (M13-M24) with many deliveries from WP1, and now into the end of Year Three (M25-36). After communication with UGENT, the D1.7 Report covers M25-M36, planned to be submitted by the end of Year Three. During the period of M25-M36, WP1 had delivered one policy briefs and one report as follows,

### Policy briefs

Task 1.2 of WP1: New quality productive forces “according to local conditions” – regulatory and planning aspects, by Outi Luova and Tommi Sookari from UTURKU in co-operation with IN, submitted in M32.

### Reports

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### Deviations

There are no deviations in the implementation of WP1, ReConnect China.

### Human Resources

There were also some human resources adjustments in WP1 during the M25-M36. Mr. Philipp Brugner had left the team (Task 1.1) and ZSI by the end of Year Three. Ms. Melo Wang had left IN team (Task 1.2) in the Year Three (M25-M36).

### **3 INTRODUCTION**

ReConnect China aims to answer the question in which domains collaboration of the EU with China is desirable, possible or impossible. The question in which domains EU collaboration with China is desirable, possible, or impossible starts from the acknowledgment that in the modern geopolitical and geo-economic world, the EU and China stand in a perpetual dynamic relationship with each other. This project therefore identifies the following key fields on which the EU should upgrade its independent knowledge: Science & Technology, Economy & Trade, Domestic Governance, and Foreign Policy. To carry out this project, a database which will provide access to new sources of information will be developed. The independent knowledge that will be generated in this project will bring together stakeholders and experts in a Europe-China Knowledge Forum. The project also envisages to enhance awareness on China among the general public and youth.

#### **3.1 Deliverable scope**

This report is based on the works, activities and events of members Task of WP1, focusing on the deliveries from each Task. There are four Tasks in WP1,

Task 1.1 EU-China research cooperation (co-patent/co-publication analysis) – (Leader: ZSI, Members: IN, IFRI, IAI, UTURKU)

Task 1.2 The legal and regulatory aspects of S&T development - (leader: IN, Member: IAI, UGENT)

Task 1.3 - China's Advances in Frontier Technologies (Leader: IFRI, Members: UTURKU, ELCANO)

Task 1.4 - Economic Dimension of S&T cooperation (Leader: IAI, Members: IN)

This report is a periodical summary about the WP1 Year Three (M25-M36). UGENT had agreed with IN's suggestion of submitting the annual report by the end of M36 or even very early beginning of M37, just for the purpose to cover all the activities of whole Year Two, and same as Year Four in the future.

## 3.2 Reference documents

1. [EU Grant Agreement, including the DoA– annex 1 to the GA](#)
2. [Proposal of ReConnect China- HORIZON CL2-2021-TRANSFOMATIONS-01](#)
3. [Consortium Agreement](#)
4. [EU guidelines for project implementation and documentation](#)
5. [ReConnect China Policy Brief WP1-Task 1.1\\_EU27AC-China STI](#)
6. [ReConnect China Policy Brief WP1-Task 1.1 Rethinking China's Covid-19 Aid Diplomacy](#)
7. [D1.1 Report on the results of the research cluster on EU-China research cooperation \(co-patent/co-publication analysis\)](#)
8. [D1.5 First progress report on research clusters WP1](#)
9. [ReConnect China Policy Brief – WP1-Task 1.3 Racing to the Moon](#)
10. [ReConnect China Policy Brief - WP1- Task 1.4 Navigating EU-China Investment Dynamics](#)
11. [ReConnect China Policy Brief - WP1-Task 1.3 Semiconductors](#)
12. [ReConnect China Policy Breif-WP1-Task 1.4 EU's technological dependencies towards China: the case of EV batterie](#)
13. [D1.4 Report on the Results of the research cluster on the economic dimension S&T cooperation](#)
14. [Navigating EU-China Investment Dynamics: Safeguarding technical knowhow while forstering cooperation](#)
15. [D1.6 Second progress report on research cluster WP1](#)
16. [ReConnect China Policy Breif-WP1-Task1.2 New quality productive forces “according to local conditions” – regulatory and planning aspects](#)
17. [D1.7 Third progress report on research cluster WP1](#)

Note: some deliveries have not been listed as publications yet.

### One Policy Briefs

New quality productive forces “according to local conditions” – regulatory and planning aspects, worked out by Outi Luova and Tommi Sookari from UTURKU in co-operation with IN, and submitted in M32.

### One Reports

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## **4 WORKS AND DELIVERIS OF WP1 TASKS**

Task 1.1 led by ZSI, had contributed the most deliveries in Year One, and had successfully fulfilled their targets in the WP1, while Task 1.3 led by IFRI and Task 1.4 led by IAI had taken the main workload for deliveries in the Year Two.

### **4.1 Works and Deliveries of Task 1.1**

Task 1.1 EU-China research cooperation (co-patent/co-publication analysis) – (Leader: ZSI, Members: IN, IFRI, IAI, UTURKU)

Task 1.1 had already submitted and published all their deliveries in Year One, which fulfilled their targets in this program. They also contributed to some other activities in this program in Year Three, including disseminating and giving comments to other Task's deliveries.

### **4.2 Works and Deliveries of Task 1.2**

Task 1.2 The legal and regulatory aspects of S&T development - (leader: IN, Member: IAI, UGENT)

Because the deliveries from Task1.2 was planned to be submitted at the later stage of the program, therefore, its work in Year Two focused networking and partner searching for the preparation of further studies, as well as coordinating the works of WP1, and collaborative works of the program led by UGENT.

During the period from M25 to M36, IN had organized a IPR workshop and a series of S&T Workshops in Beijing and Shanghai.

In cooperation with Nordic Chamber of Commerce such as the FinnCham China, SwedCham China, as well as Benelux China, and EUCCC and IP SME HELPDESK office, IN and Norwegian Business Association in China (NBA) had organized the IPR workshop, in discussing Technology Transfer and IP Contracts in China.

In September 22-26, IN organized S&T delegation visits and workshops in Beijing and Shanghai, visited the distinguished Chinese Tech companies such as Xiaomi, Baidu, Jingdong, ByteDance (owner of Tiktok) in Beijing, as well as Huawei and IKEA in Shanghai. Some incubators like Kunlunchao, development area like Beijing CBD and platform like NCSTI have also visited to have a comprehensive understanding about China S&T ecology.

For CCUS sector, IN had built up contacts with GCCSI China and [Huairou Laboratory](#) of the Beijing Huairou National Comprehensive Science Centre, as well as Beijing Headquarters of International Science and Technology Organizations for organizing the ReConnect China - CCUS workshop in Nov or Dec of 2025. IN also jointly organized the Green Transition Forum in Beijing and Shanghai, as well as the Clean Fuel and Green Maritime Seminar in Shanghai.

The above-mentioned parties can be potential cooperation partner for the workshops of Task 1.2 in the future.

### **4.3 Works and Deliveries of Task 1.3**

Task 1.3 - China's Advances in Frontier Technologies (Leader: IFRI, Members: UTURKU, ELCANO)

Task 1.3 had already submitted and published all their deliveries by the end of Year Two, which fulfilled their targets in this program. They also contributed to some other activities in this program in Year Three, including disseminating and giving comments to other Task's deliveries.

### **4.4 Works and deliveries of Task1.4**

Task 1.4 - Economic Dimension of S&T cooperation (Leader: IAI, Members: IN)

Task 1.1 had already submitted and published all their deliveries by the end of Year Two, which fulfilled their targets in this program. They also contributed to some other activities in this program in Year Three, including disseminating and giving comments to other Task's deliveries.

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## OTHER WORKS AND ACTIVITES

On April 15<sup>th</sup> Mr. Henning Kristoffersen gave a presentation on EU China S&T to the students of New York University Shanghai campus, with ReConnect China project had been introduced, and some key points of several policy briefs mentioned.

On 28/29 May 2025, Dr. Gao Peng had joined the 3rd International CCUS Conference and give presentation on it, with ReConnect China project was introduced, and calling for partners for the WP1 Task 1.2's CCUS Workshop in 2025.

During 17-19 June 2025, IN organized the Clean Fuel and Green Maritime Seminar in Shanghai in cooperation with NBA and Norwegian Consulate General in Shanghai, with ReConnect China program introduced, and then joined the Hydrogen Expo (FCVC) after it.

## **6 CONCLUSIONS (= FINAL SECTION)**

With the joint efforts from all members of WP1, all targets have been accomplished in the Year Three successfully. We expect same achievements will be reached in Year Four as well.

There are two deliveries planned to be delivered in the Year Three (M25-M36) of the program. All had been successfully submitted before the end of M36, including this one - D1.7. WP1 has achieved its tasks in the Year Three after all above mentioned deliveries have been submitted. Relevant human resources had also been adjusted, contributing to the success of the implementation of ReConnect China project.

Thank you very much.