



EU–China Interdependencies

on Energy and Climate Security

Research Timeline and Work Plan

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1. Research Plan

The research plan comprises three phases:

Research Phase I: 15 June – 15 July

1. The collation of data for current and future trends on climate, energy, trade and investment for EU and China.
2. The identification of key trends and implications for EU-China interdependence.
3. The identification of potential areas of mutual interests.
4. The scoping for potential areas of collaboration between EU and China.
5. The preparation of the terms of reference for commissioning studies from Chinese researchers to ensure the incorporate of perspectives from China on key issues. This process will be coordinated by ERI and CASS in Beijing.
6. The identification of research questions for the next phase.
7. Informal discussions with mentors, stakeholders and media regarding key issues, opportunities and threats
8. Review of existing EU (Commission and Member States)-China policy dialogues in Energy/Environment areas.

Research Phase II: 25 July – 10 September

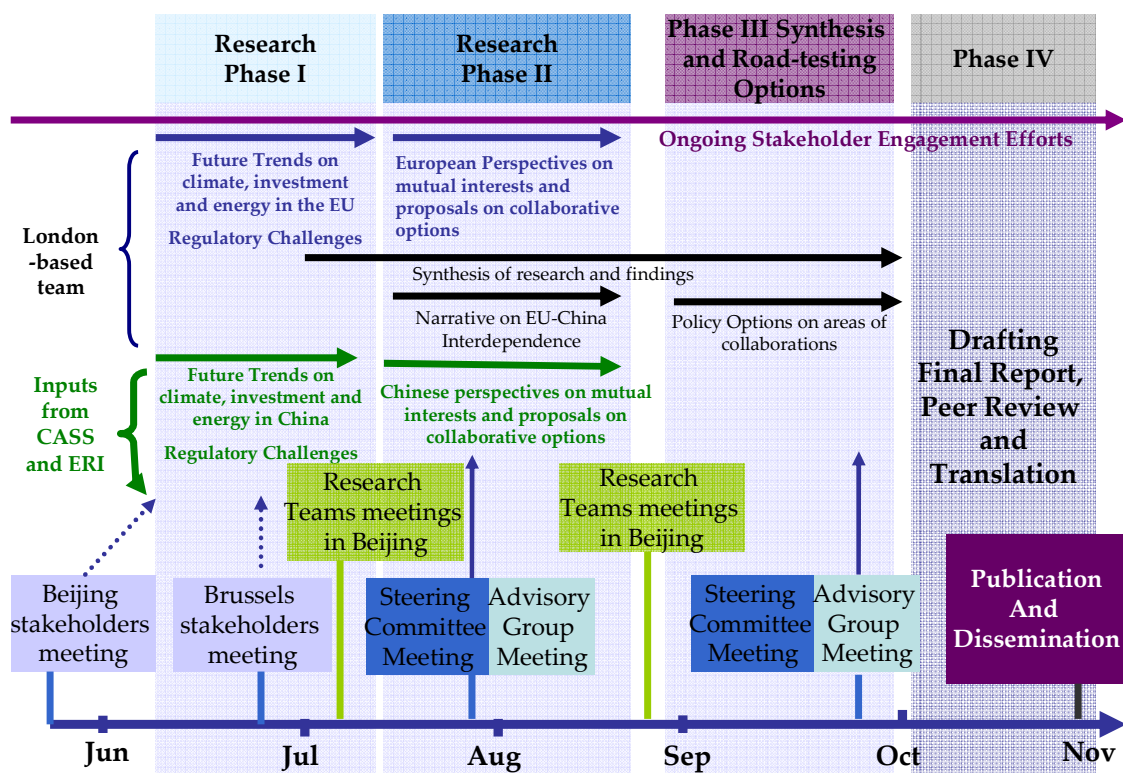
1. The preparation of working papers on European and Chinese perspectives on energy and climate security.
2. Testing of the hypothesis through in-depth research on the feasibility of potential areas of collaboration between EU and China. These may include, subject to further discussions at the July Steering Committee and Advisory Group meetings
 - a) Reducing tariff and non-tariff barriers to trade in low carbon/energy efficient/environmental goods and services;
 - b) Increasing technological cooperation between EU and China: challenges and opportunities;
 - c) Sectoral initiatives to improve efficiency in EU and China in, for example, transport, building/construction sectors;
 - d) Political collaboration on climate regime building;
 - e) Initiatives to improve the regulatory/monitoring regimes in EU and China.
3. The writing of the first part of the final report on the nature of EU-China interdependence.
4. Research collaboration with Chinese researchers to finalise the phase one studies from China.
5. Further discussions and preparation of terms of reference for the second phase of commissioned work from China on specific sectoral undertakings in the areas

of power generation, building efficiency, transport sector, technological cooperation as well as trade and investment.

Synthesis and Road Testing Phase III: 11 September to 30 September

1. Finalising research on European and Chinese perspectives on energy and climate security.
2. Finalising research on EU-China mutual interests.
3. Finalising research on options for EU-China collaboration.
4. Stepping up formal and informal stakeholder engagement efforts to road-test the emerging ideas at private and public meetings.

2. Project Plan



Timeline

The research team is on schedule to complete the first phase of the research by the Steering Committee/Advisory Group meeting end of July. Subject to suggestions and conclusions from this meeting, Phase II of the research will begin with a team visit to Beijing to brainstorm with Chinese researchers.

The European Stakeholders meeting is postponed to late September due to scheduling issues.

3. A Note on the Commissioned research

Discussions are underway between the project team and Dr Pan Jiahua and Dr Jiang Kejun for the commissioning of specific research pieces from CASS, ERI and other research institutions in China. Five sets of terms of reference had been sent to Dr Jiang and Dr Pan, and it is hoped that these will be revised and finalised at the end of July. The five proposed studies include:

1. Key trends in China on energy, climate and investments
2. Chinese Perspectives on Energy and Climate Security
3. Identifying Areas of Mutual Interest for Collaboration between China and the EU on Energy and Climate Security: Perspectives from China
4. Key barriers to increasing trade, investment and climate technologies development and diffusion between China and the European Union
5. The regulatory and governance challenges in China in the transition to a low carbon, sustainable and secure energy future

A further set of five studies are considered and proposed as part of the second phase of this project, subject to discussions at the Steering Committee meeting. These commissioned pieces will be edited and published as working papers for this project.