



COMPONENT ONE – SUMMARY OF 2018 ACTIVITIES

GERMANY – TRAINING ON EVALUATION OF EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL PROTECTION POLICIES

As part of the EU-China Social Protection Reform Project Component One programme of activities for the year 2017, a delegation of 17 NDRC national and provincial level senior officials, led by Mr Chang Tiewei, Deputy Director General, Department of Employment and Income Distribution, undertook a two-week training in Germany from 14 to 28 January 2018.

The training organised under the framework of Johannes Gutenberg University was held in Mainz and Berlin. Placed under the overall direction of Prof. Axel Weber, it was centered on the Relevance and Efficiency of Employment and Social Protection Policies in Europe with special reference to Long-Term Care.

The training therefore covered three focal areas:

- Evaluation of Employment
- Evaluation of Social Security Policies
- Services to Provide Care to the Elderly

The first two areas focused on methods and tools of evaluation of systems and policies, the third area on functioning and financing of services. Training was imparted through a combination of classroom exchanges by eminent specialists from Germany and other European countries or international institutions – selected Chinese delegates also introducing the specificities of their national situation, and visits to relevant German institutions in Rhein-Palatinate and Berlin Province. Institutions visited included the German Federal Statistical Office, the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, the Ministry of Public Health, the Trade Unions Confederation and the German Employers' Association, the German Public Pension System, the Federation of Welfare Institutions.

The objective of the training was to increase awareness of the participants on how issues that are subject to reforms in China are handled in Germany. In the end, the Chinese delegation returned to China with a good understanding of the methods and techniques used in Germany as well as a solid picture of the solutions in place. As was the case for similar training exercises held under project auspices in 2015 and 2016, the members of the delegation benefitted from a day technical briefing before departure – held in Beijing on 13 January 2018. Placed under the responsibility of the Project, this briefing was imparted by prominent Chinese specialists, Mr. Zheng Gongcheng for social security evaluation techniques, Mr. Yue Jinglun for the evaluation of employment policies and Ms. Zhang Yinghua for long term care insurance.



2018 MEETING ON RESEARCH TOPICS

Component One Panel discussion meeting on 2018 Research topics of the EU-China Social protection reform project SPRP was held on 13 September 2018 in Beijing, Tangla Yaxiu Hotel.

Some 30 participants took part in the event that was chaired by Mr. Michele Bruni, SPRP European Team leader and Mr. Zhang Guoqing, Main Expert, SPRP Component One.

The Panel discussion meeting allowed for a first in-depth discussion of reform proposals put forward on the topics being considered, before a policy dialogue event held in Brussels later on in September 2018 followed by a high-level NDRC representatives' Study visit to Belgium, Denmark and Poland help refine and finalize those.

Chinese and European experts first discussed the topic of income distribution, based on a European comparative study prepared by Mr. Jean-Yves Hocquet and a Chinese assessment report prepared by Mr. Li Shi. The meeting then discussed the topics of Population mobility based on an Assessment report prepared by Mr. Jin Weigang, and of High-Quality Development and Workforce Quality improvement on the basis of an Assessment report prepared by Mr. Yang Weiguo. European experts from Belgium (Ms. Ann Coenen), France (Ms. Veronique Dunaud) and Poland (Ms. Agnieszka Majcher- Teleon) contributed their comments to the discussion.



DIALOGUE AND STUDY VISIT

From 19 to 28 September 2018, a delegation of high-level NDRC officials led by Mr. Li Kang, Director General, department of Employment and Income distribution, has visited Belgium, Denmark and Poland to get better acquainted with the relations between economic development and active labour market policies supported by social protection reform.

In Belgium, the delegation had a working session with the European Commission Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion. It also took part in the International Workshop on High-Quality Development and Workforce Quality Improvement where some 25 participants attended. The meeting first discussed employment and social security issues under the background of population movement with keynote addresses on the situation in China, and on Active labour market policies (Obstacles to mobility) in OECD countries. It then turned to reviewing income distribution in its relations with and influence on the functioning of the labour market on the basis of key note addresses on the situation in Europe and in China respectively. Finally, the meeting discussed Methods and experiences for achieving quality development on the labour market for which the situation in China and in selected European countries (Belgium, France, Italy, Poland and the United Kingdom) was introduced through national monographs presented by their authors.

In Denmark, the Delegation had bilateral discussions with the Ministry of Employment on Danish Active Labour Market Policies. It also had a working session with the Danish Confederation of Trade Unions L.O. In Poland, the delegation met in Warsaw with the Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Affairs to discuss relevant policy issues. It also visited a number of ground institutions active in the implementation of Polish labour market policies in Krakow and in Warsaw.



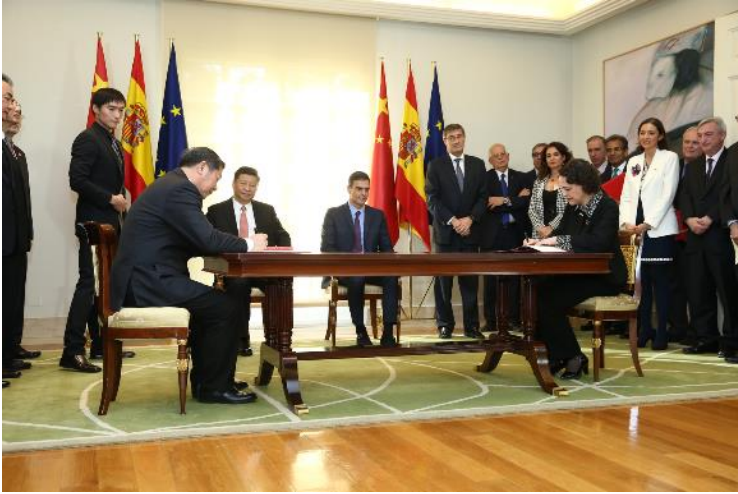
Opening session of international workshop in Brussels



In Krakow the delegation meets with municipal authorities

SPAIN – NDRC SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Negotiated and concluded with the efficient support of the Project component one a Memorandum of Understanding was signed in Madrid on 29 November 2018 between Mr. He Lifeng, President of the NDRC, and Ms Magdalena Valerio, Minister of Labour, Migration and Social Security. President Xi Jinping and the Spanish Government President Mr. Pedro Sanchez attended the ceremony. The MoU focuses on the question of the incidence of demographic ageing on employment and social security, which is an important concern for both countries.



HIGH LEVEL TRAINING IN ITALY

A delegation of 22 officials from the Chinese National Development and Reform Commission and Provincial DRC, attended a two weeks training in Italy - Rome and Milan – from the 15th to 26th October 2018 on “Effects and Tendency of Income Redistribution Policies”. Mr. HA Zengyou, Director General of the Department of Employment and Income Distribution of the NDRC led the delegation. The Italian National Institute of Social Protection (INPS) and the Italian National School of Public Administration (SNA), with the support of Expertise France and SISPI - Italia Previdenza (respectively the C1 and C2 Secretariats), organized the course.

The training was structured in 22 sessions, aimed to improve the participants’ knowledge and understanding of the EU experiences and best practices in the field of the income redistribution in an evolving social and economic scenario, with a focus on the impact of the new technologies on the labour market.

The 22 lecturers and experts who gave their presentations came from Academia (University of Rome, Milan, Modena) and European and Italian Institutions, such as the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the EU Commission, the Finnish Social Insurance Institution (KELA), the Italian Social Insurance Institution (INPS), the Italian National School of Administration, the Italian Agency for Active Labour Policies, the Italian National Institute for public policy analysis, etc.

The Italian Ministry of Economy and Finance, the Bank of Italy and the City of Milan hosted three sessions of the training and presented detailed analysis and data on poverty in Italy, highlighting the effects of current policies for poverty reduction.



During a session break, head of delegation talks with Mr. Antichi, project leader (glasses) and Mr. Boeri, President, INPS

PILOT ACTIVITIES - GUANGDONG PROVINCE

From December 17 to December 21, 2018, a mission conducted in the pilot area of Guangdong province focused on social security awareness raising and social security management, reviewing the situation and carrying out local training activities. The team was led by the Director of the Social Security Division of the Department of Income and Distribution NDRC Ms Tang Ling, the International Cooperation Center of the NDRC and the Resident expert in the Beijing Office SPRP. Four experts from France specially gave lectures on the above two topics, introducing international experience. The experts' team was composed of Mr. Andrei Tretyak, Director of Social Security Department of Expertise France, Mr. Michel Villac, President of the French National Family, Children and Senior persons Council, Mr. Thierry Weishaupt, General Manager of VYV Group China Operations, and Mr. Romain Chave, Project Manager, International Department of National Teacher Health Foundation. At the pilot area in Guangdong, relevant departments, business representatives and individuals from the Provincial Development and Reform Commission, personnel and taxation departments, and Tianhe District and Huizhou City (Pilot Area) in Guangzhou participated in the activities.



The delegation at a local social community point, Huizhou city