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**COMPONENT THREE – SUMMARY OF 2015 ACTIVITIES****DIALOG AND STUDY VISITS****MEETING ON RESEARCH TOPICS****C3 1<sup>st</sup> Panel Discussion, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

The EU-China Social Protection Reform Project had the first panel discussion on “The Legal Framework of Social Assistance”, held at the Ministry of Civil Affairs on 29th June 2015. Mr Wang Zhikun, Director General of the Department of Social Assistance (MoCA), moderated the first session of the event, in which the Vice Minister of MoCA, Mr Gong Puguang welcomed the Vice Minister of Labour and Social Policy of Poland, Mr Radoslav Mleczko. The two emphasized the important role played by the project in the future EU-China partnership. The Panel was followed by a session moderated by Mr Liu Xitang, Deputy Director General, Department of Social Assistance (MoCA), which started with an introduction to the EU-China SPRP Component 3, given by Ms Marzena Breza, PhD, EU RE EU-China SPRP, Component 3.

The discussion continued with three presentations on the “Development of Social Assistance in China and specific regulation”; “Dibao and temporary legal measures on Social Assistance”; and “Legal framework of Social Assistance”, respectively provided by Mr Cao Feng, Assistant Professor, Tsinghua University (Beijing); Ms Guo Yu, Assistant Professor, Renmin University of China, and Ms Kong Fanhua, Professor, South China Normal University. The EU expert, Ms Zofia Czepulis-Rutkowska, PhD, Institute of Labour and Social Studies (Poland) gave her feedback on the presentations through a videoconference. Additional comments were provided by MoCA and external Chinese experts: Mr Tang Jun, Researcher, CASS; Mr Han Keqing, Professor, Renmin University of China; Mr Yang Sibin, Professor, China Institute of Industrial Relations. Also Mr Jean Victor Gruat, EU RE EU-China SPRP, Component 1, and Ms Xiaolin Yi, EUD, Project Officer, contributed with their reactions. The panel ended with an introduction on the follow-up work plans by Ms Marzena Breza, and closing remarks by Mr Liu Xitang. The whole discussion was an opportunity to deepen the knowledge on the Chinese social assistance system in the context of the legal provisions as well as to exchange the good practices of the EU countries in this field.

It was also stressed that for the future development of the social assistance instruments it should be taken into account the socio-economic context of China including labour market situation, ageing, public expenditure, ect.



### EU-China High Level Forum on Social Protection Reform, September 15-16<sup>th</sup>, 2015

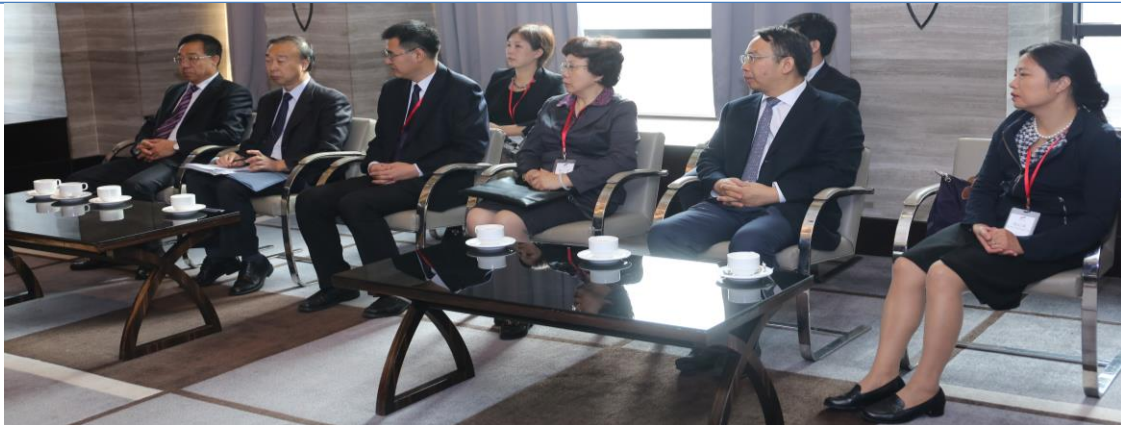
The 2015 EU-China High Level Forum on Social Protection Reform Challenges for Legal Framework of Social Assistance has been an opportunity for an extended exchange of knowledge, experience and view among EU and Chinese policy makers, experts, academics and practitioners. It was first high level event within EU-China Social Protection Reform Project within whose social assistance is one of the key elements.

For the events the main Component 3 stakeholders Ministry of Civil Affairs of the P. R. China and the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy of the Republic of Poland gathered together the EU and Chinese share experiences and challenges for social assistance. Speakers, panelists and participants from across China and all SPRP Consortium Member countries (Belgium, Czech Republic, France, Italy, Poland, Romania and Spain) have been represented and contributed to the discussion held.

Opening speeches have been delivered by Mr Li Liguo Minister of Civil Affairs of P. R. China, Mr Hans-Dietmar Schweisgut Ambassador of the European Union to China and Mr Marek Bucior Minister of Labour and Social Policy of the Republic of Poland. Among key speakers were: Mr Gong Puguang, Vice Minister of Civil Affairs P.R. China, Mr Prof. Tito Boeri – President of the INPS, from Italy, Mr Tomas Burgos, Secretary of State, Ministry of Employment and Social Security, from Spain and Ms Daniela Morosanu, Deputy Secretary General, Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Protection and Elderly, from Romania. Among more than 100 participants were senior policy makers from the Consortium relevant ministries (Belgium, Czech Republic, Italy and Poland), P. R. China's National People's Congress and State Council as well from EU and Chinese local authorities. The event has joined representatives of the World Bank, Asian Development Bank and the stakeholders from EU organizations.

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### **C3 2<sup>nd</sup> Panel Discussion, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

EU-CHINA SPRP Component 3 2<sup>nd</sup> Panel Discussion was held on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The main focus was given to the following topic: Experiences on unified standards for calculation of Social Assistance benefits and Social Assistance specific vulnerable groups - services for children, elderly, people with disabilities, with a special focus on poor rural people.

The Panel Discussion was based on the consolidated presentation (which is an attachment to the Panel Discussion report) prepared by Chinese and European experts. The content of the presentations of Chinese and European experts was a key element of the bilateral knowledge exchange meeting between the EU and CN experts held before the Panel Discussion.

The Panel Discussion meeting started with the two presentations done by the Chinese short-term experts Prof. Guo Yu and Prof. Gang Shuge. Then EU short-term expert Ms Larcamioara Corches, PhD from Romania, continued with a presentation on the EU experiences.

The Workshop started with presentations prepared by three CN experts (Prof. Guo Yu, Prof. Gang Shuge and Prof. Zuo Ting) and three EU experts (Mr Davor Dominkus, Mr Mel Cousins and Ms Jadwiga Pauli; who gave presentations on EU experiences). The presentations were followed by the discussion among Chinese and EU experts and policy makers. Some additional comments were made by three CN invited experts from social assistance field.

The aim of the Workshop was a follow up of last year work, as well as a launch for the new activities proposed for year 2016.



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