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## 14th High Level Forum on Regional and Urban Policy Cooperation A Side Event of the EU-China Summit

EU Headquarters, Van Maerlant Building (Room VML02)

Rue Van Maerlant 2, Brussels

**Tuesday 9 April 2019 from 09:00 – 13:00**

**Theme:** **Regional Innovation and Smart Specialisation**  
Cluster Cooperation between EU and Chinese cities

**09:00 - 09:30** **Introductory Session**

Moderator: Nicola De Michelis, Principal Advisor, European Commission, DG REGIO

Speakers: Luo Wen, Vice Chairman, National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC)  
Lambert van Nistelrooij, Member of the European Parliament  
Marc Lemaître, Director General, DG REGIO

**09:30 - 10:15** **Panel 1: Regional Innovation – Strategies from the EU and China**

Moderator: Guo Lanfeng, Director General, Regional Department of NDRC (also intro)

Speakers: Hou Gang, Deputy Mayor, Liuzhou  
Ronald Hall, External Expert, DG REGIO  
Camille Torrenti, European Project Officer, Métropole Nice Côte d'Azur  
Andrea Ricci, Urban EU-China

**10:15 - 10:30** **Coffee Break**

**10:30 - 12:30** **Panel 2: Supporting Innovation through Thematic Clustering**

Moderator: Nicola De Michelis, Principal Advisor, European Commission, DG REGIO

10:30 - 10:50 Introduction by the IUC Project Team

10:50 - 11:10 Cluster 1: Smart City & Digital Transition

Barcelona: David Martínez, Project Director 22@ Committee, Barcelona City Council  
Shantou: Chen Bin, Deputy Director of Overseas Chinese Economic and Cultural  
Experimental Zone of Shantou

11:10 - 11:30 Cluster 2 – Circular Economy and Energy Transition

Reggio Emilia: Sabrina Rosati, E35 Foundation Reggio Emilia  
Weinan: Zhang Yinhu, Director of Energy Bureau of Weinan

11:30 - 11:50 Cluster 3 – Biotechnology and Health Care

Granada: Francisco L. Benítez, Project Manager, PTS Cluster Granada  
Haikou: Huang Kemin, Consulting Director of DRC Haikou

11:50 - 12:10 Cluster 4 – Urban Mobility and Connectivity,

Stuttgart Region: Thomas Kiewitt, Planning Director  
Guangzhou: Jiang Zhou, Deputy Investigator of Guangzhou Development District



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- 12:10 - 12:30 Cluster 5 – Culture, Education and Tourism,  
Rome: Gianluca Fabbri, Cluster Manager, Link Campus University Rome  
Zhengzhou: Sun Xiaohong, Deputy Mayor of Zhengzhou
- 12:30 - 12:45 **Questions and discussion**
- 12:45 - 13:00 **Conclusion Session**  
Nicola De Michelis, Principal Advisor, European Commission, DG REGIO  
Guo Lanfeng, Director General, Regional Department of NDRC
- 13:00 – 14:00 **Networking lunch at Van Maerlant Building**
- 14:00 – 14:30 **Transfer by bus to Tangla Hotel (for cluster meeting)**