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# Brief Introduction to the IUC Asia Programme – Focus China

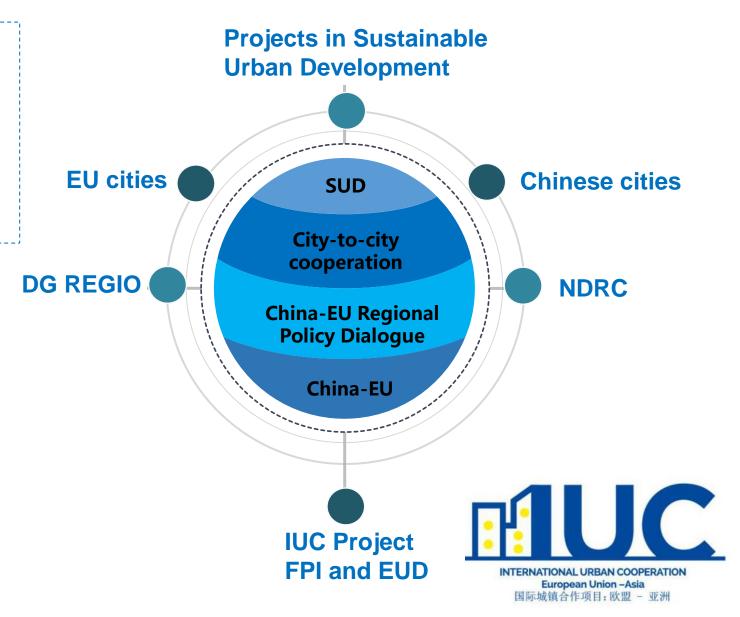
Pablo Gándara, Team Leader, IUC ASIA Granada Blockchain Meeting, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020

# **IUC Project Introduction**

#### Component 1:

Promote city-to-city cooperation in sustaibalbe urban development within the EU-China Regional Policy Dialogue (DG REGIO-NDRC)





# 13th EU-China High Level Seminar – Zhengzhou, July 2018









### 14th EU-China High Level Seminar – Brussels, April 2019

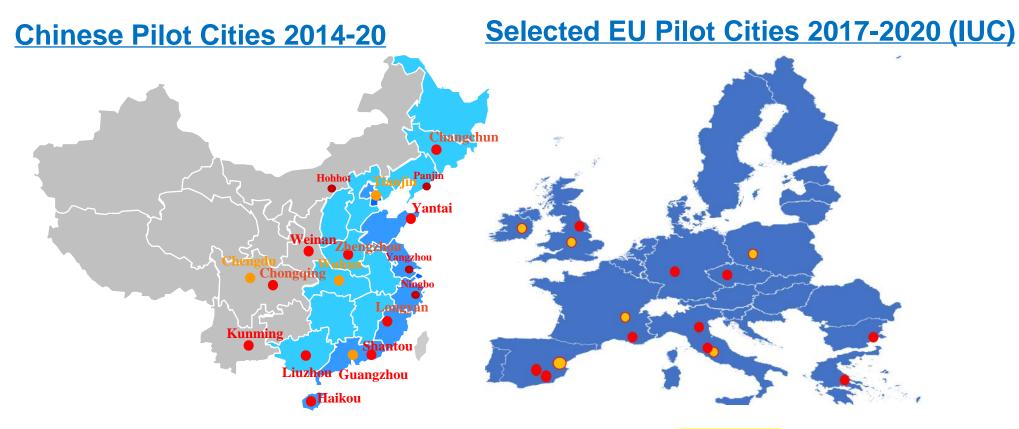








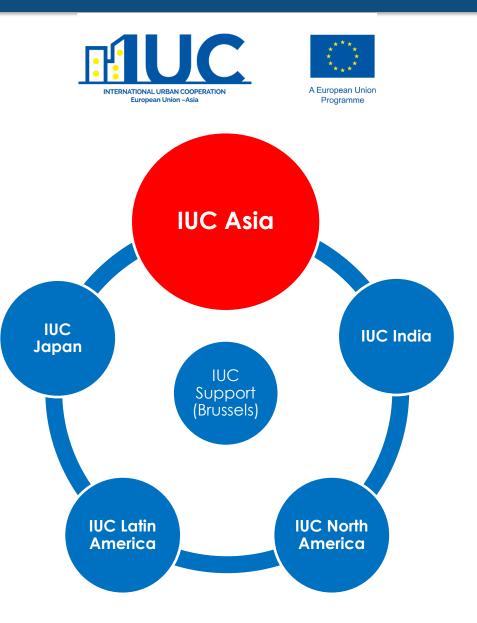
#### **Pilot Cities for IUC Cooperation between the EU and China**



Chongqing, Longyan, Zhengzhou, Shantou, Haikou, Changchun, Kunming, Liuzhou, Yantai, Weinan, Tianjin, Chengdu, Wuhan, Guangzhou, Hohhot, Panjin, Ningbo, Yangzhou Málaga (Spain), Rome (Italy), <mark>Granada (Spain)</mark> Nice (France), Barnsley (UK) Reggio Emilia (Italy), Stuttgart Region (Germany) Mannheim (Germany), AAK (Greece), Málaga (Spain) Burgas (Bulgaria), Bologna (Italy), Barcelona (Spain) Greater Manchester (UK)

# The EU's IUC Programme at a Glance – Focus C1 EU-China

- Global EU Programme launched 2017 managed by the **Foreign Policy Instrument (FPI)**. Aims to support:
- Bilateral EU policy objectives;
- Implementation of UN Urban Agenda, the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and the Paris Climate Change Agreement
- In Asia, the IUC is working in two main areas:
- 1. Component 1: Multi-City Cooperation on Sustainable Urban Development
- 2. Component 2: Support Cities in Asia on Climate Change Mitigation, Adaptation and Clean Energy Access (especially within the Global Covenant of Mayors - GCoM)
- Timeline: 2017 2020 (1st Phase)
- Team based in Beijing and Indonesia



## EUs IUC Multi-city Engagement: Global Networks



Over **150** cities already involved

#### From the European Union:

•**75** cities from 21 Member States

- From Asia
  - •18 Chinese cities
  - •9 Japanese cities
  - •12 Indian cities

#### Urban Agenda of the EU – Connecting the UN's SDGs to Cities

#### EU's 14 partnership areas

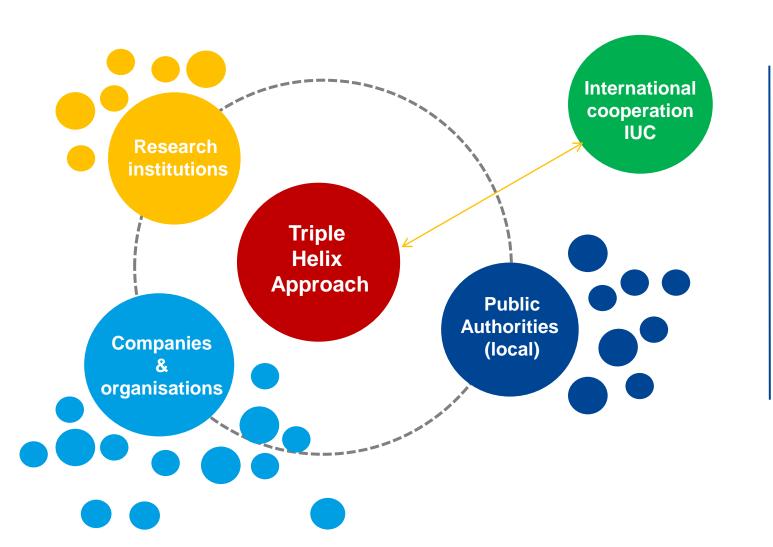


United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



#### Approach for Cooperation

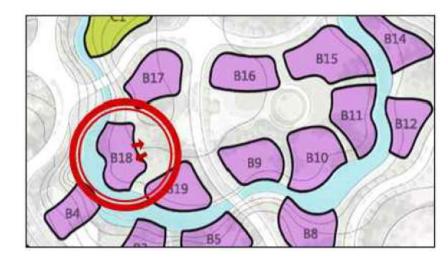
#### **Triple-Helix Methodology**

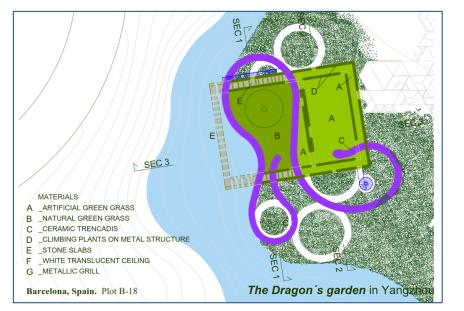


#### **Cooperative Action Plan**

- Identify key projects
- Identify key institutions/stakeholders
- Define decision-making mechanism
- Streamline communication
- Develop implementation roadmap
- Project-oriented work
- Self-initiatives

#### Pilot example 1 – Barcelona, Bologna & Rome in Yangzhou









# Pilot Example 2: Barcelona and Liuzhou (Guangxi) – S&T Park









# Pilot Example 3: Mannheim – Chongqing Cargo Railway

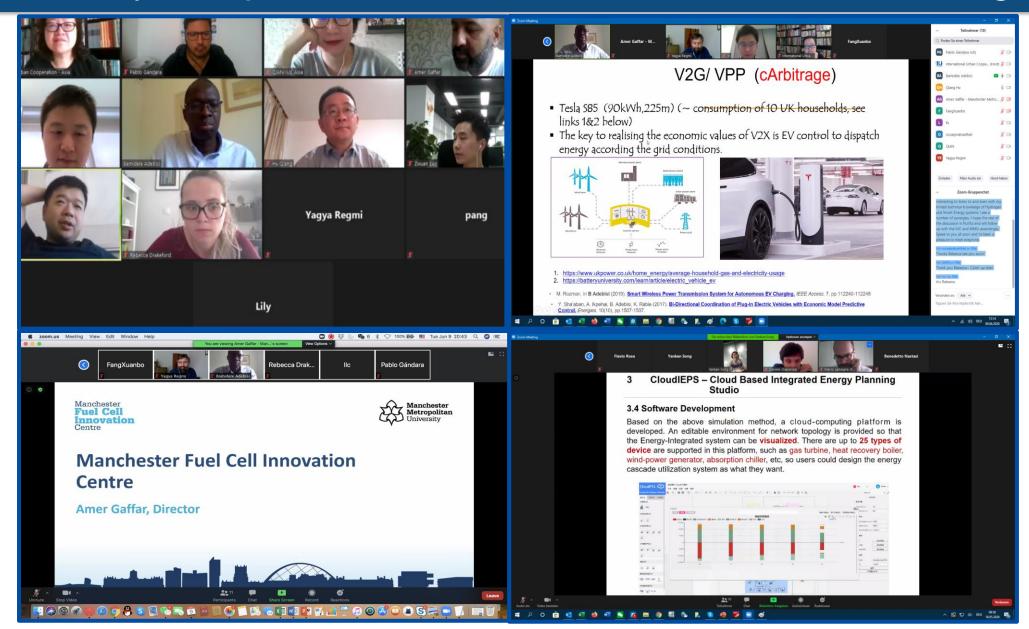


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#### EU's IUC Pilot Project Started: Cargo Railway Connection between Mannheim and Chongqing



#### University Cooperation - Manchester, Rome and Chengdu



# Biotechnology: Guangzhou BioTech Island (2014)



More information here: http://eng.gdd.gov.cn/2018-11/14/c\_291190.htm

- Guangzhou International Biotech Island (GIBI), formerly known as Guanzhou Island (or Dove Island), is located in the center of the Pearl River in the southeast of Haizhu district, Guangzhou.
- It is an elliptical island lying in a northeast-southwest direction, to the east of Guanzhou waterway and to the west of Luntou waterway. Covering an area of 183.18 hectares, GIBI is the hinterland of biomedical research and development in Guangzhou Development District (GDD) and of the biomedical industry in the strategic layout of "one river-three belts" of the city.

# Chinese City Leaders in Granada – 2018





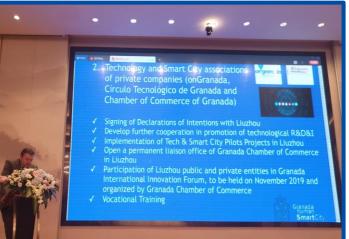
- In the two-day programme in Granada, meetings were held with the City Council, PTS health tech park, University of Granada and Chamber of Commerce, to discuss about various cooperation possibilities in the areas of government-to-government exchange, bio medicine and health care, education and training, as well as commercial promotion.
- At the meeting with the Mayor of Granada, all the five visiting Chinese cities signed a city-to-city cooperation MoU with Granada. The main purpose of the MoU is to reconfirm the cities' intentions of building friendly relationships and cooperation as pilot cities under the framework of China-EU regional policy cooperation mechanism.

# Granada City Leaders & Partners in China – 2018 & 2019









# International Events: APUF (Malaysia ), October 2019



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#### NOVEMBER 9, 2020

#### Webinar "EU-China Cities Transition Towards Low Carbon: Achievements, Challenges and Future Pathways"

The IUC Asia project held today a three-hour workshop on the transition from EU and Chinese cities towards low carbon development. The meeting involved nearly 40 participants – partly onsite in Beijing and partly online (via video conferencing). The event was a follow-up activity to the online exchange session on the EU-China Low Carbon Cities [...]



#### **NOVEMBER 6, 2020**

#### EU Climate Diplomacy Week Indonesia – Closing Ceremony

The Closing Ceremony for the annual EU Climate Diplomacy Week Indonesia (24 October – 6 November 2020) was held today. in a festive atmosphere with remarks by highlevel officials, program partners and a fun lineup of entertainment acts. The online event involved over 250 participants. Opening words were delivered by H.E. Vincent Piket. Ambassador of [...]

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# NOVEMBER 5, 2020

#### Granada Hosts Webinar on Circular Economy and Blockchain Innovations

Today, the City of Granada held its second of three webinars on Circular Economy and Blockchain Innovations with more than 25 experts from Europe and China, as part of its pilot project within the IUC Competitive Fund, awarded to Granada. Today's webinar was opened with words from Luis Gonzalez Ruiz, First Deputy Mayor of Granada responsible [...]

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EU Commission DG Regional and Urban Policy http://ec.europa.eu/regional\_policy/cooperate/international/index\_en.cfm

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