The European Union

Programmes for EU-China Cooperation in ICT

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Content

• EU - China agreement

• Research programme
  Preservation and Enhancement of Cultural Heritage
  (DigiCult)

• International Cooperation programmes
  Asia Link
  Asia IT&C
EU - China agreement

• Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation signed in 2000
• Fields of common interest where both parties perform R&D activities in S&T
• To encourage, develop and facilitate cooperative activities ......in fields of common interest......in R&D activities in S&T
• Participation funded by each party
EC research programme

- Information Society Technologies IST Programme
- Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development FWP RTD
- Unit for Preservation and Enhancement of Cultural Heritage within DG INFOSOC
Information Society

Mission of Directorate General INFSO

“ensuring that Europe’s citizens, governments and businesses continue to play a leading role in shaping and participating in the global information society. It does this by stimulating research, establishing and maintaining a framework of regulations and standards, and stimulating the development of applications and content”
‘DigiCult’ Unit

- Focus on eCulture and eScience (culture and science in a networked environment)
- Works to establish a lasting infrastructure of technologies, guidelines, standards, human and institutional networks that will support and extend the role of Europe’s libraries, museums and archives in the digital age
- This unit runs a research programme within FP 6 and issues periodic calls for proposals
Open Call DigiCult

• Start 15 June, ends September 22nd
• Specific support and coordination actions
• To prepare for future international cooperation in IST
• € 8 million
• No special restrictions on participation in a SSA
Open Call DigiCult
Objectives

- to enable European researchers to access knowledge, skills, technology and facilities available outside the EU,
- to strengthen Europe’s participation in international R&D activities and accompanying measures
- to exploit R&D and policy complementarities so as to explore mutual benefits of the co-operation and increase access to market opportunities
- Emphasis is put on activities which are relevant to the following groups of third countries: Developing countries; Mediterranean partner countries; Russia and the other New Independent States; and Western Balkan countries
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Possible activities

- organisation of workshops or other regional/local events to build constituencies and raise awareness
- dissemination, benchmarking and validation of research results in IST
- promotion of European technologies; exchange of best practices; technology watch exercises; mapping of R&D resources and capabilities
- activities related to standards and interoperability issues
Asia Link

- To promote regional and multilateral networking between higher education institutions in EU Member States and China
- Aims to promote the creation of new partnerships and new sustainable links, and to reinforce existing partnerships

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Asia Link
Background

• Together with other EU – Asia wide programmes, such as Asia IT&C
• *Europe and Asia: A Strategic Framework for Enhanced Partnerships (2001)*
• Need to improve mutual understanding through enhanced cooperation based on partnerships
Asia Link

Conditions

• Commission co-finances by providing 75% of the project cost
• Total allocation for 2000 - 2005 comes to € 42.8 million, for 2004 about € 18.8 million
• Annual Calls for Proposals
• Two deadlines: April and 23.9.2004!
• Size of grant depends on strand
Asia Link
Work Programme - Strands

- Partnership projects - Human Resource Development / Curriculum Development / Institutional and System Development
- Information Studies and Support
- Capacity Building Actions
Asia IT & C

• Aims to improve the quality of Europe - Asia partnerships
• Links the two regions in the search for innovative and compatible solutions and standards in IT&C
• Projects to reach compatible IT&C solutions, improve transfer of know-how and understanding of regulatory structures
Asia IT&C Calls

• Open annually in December for the next year
• Usually two deadlines per year (in 2004 March and June)
• Watch the website!
Asia IT&C
Areas of activity

• Agriculture
• Education
• eGovernance
• Transport
• Health
• Environment
THANK YOU!

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