

MANNHEIM – CHONGQING

A DYNAMIC AND FRUITFUL COOPERATION WITHIN THE EU FUNDED PROGRAMME INTERNATIONAL URBAN COOPERATION

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Centrally located in Europe

Frankfurt:	30 min.
Berlin:	1:15 h
Hamburg:	1:15 h
London:	2 h
Madrid:	3 h
Moskau:	3,5 h



*Metropolregion
Rhein-Neckar*

Megacity Chongqing

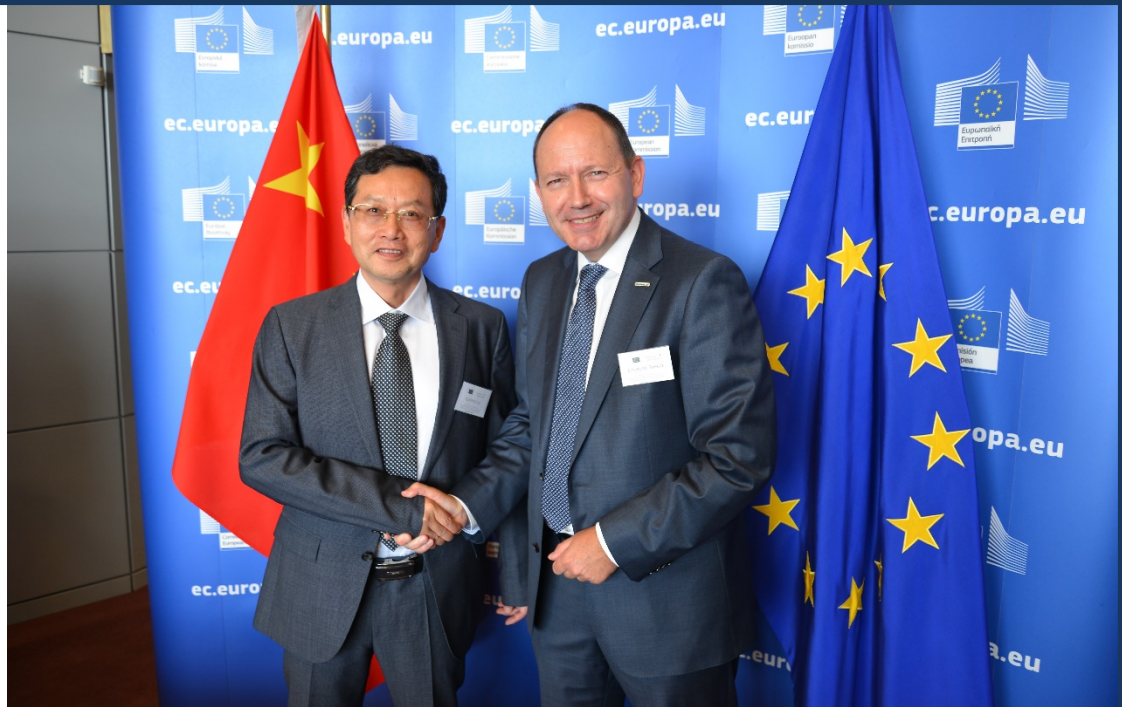


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Signing Ceremony of the Joint Declaration EU and Chinese cities supporting IUC

31 May 2017

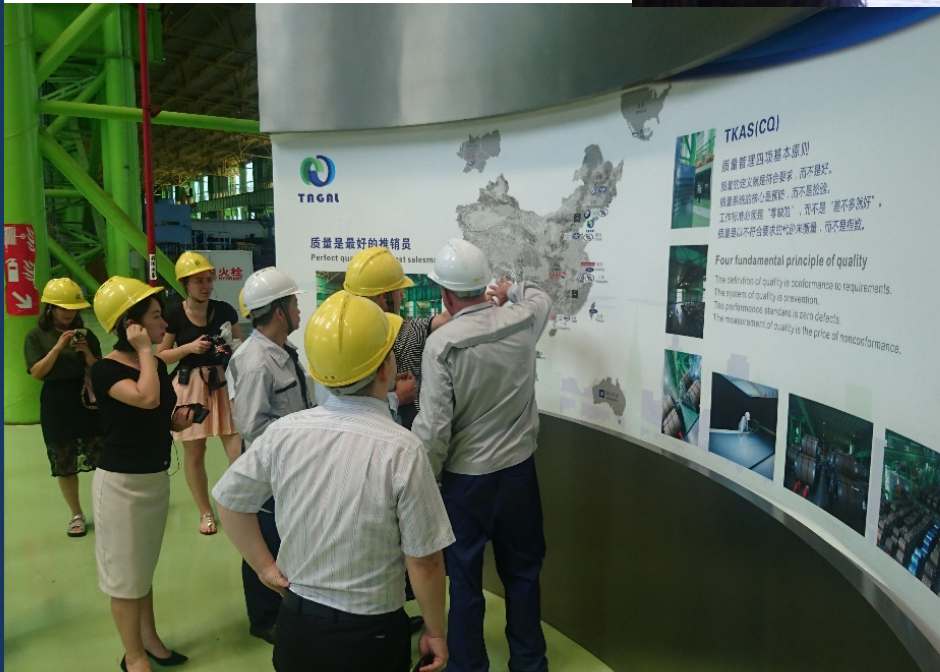


China Round Table with local industry and business representatives



2 June 2017

Visit in
Chongqing
August 2017



Focus areas within IUC

- Building a direct railway line between Chongqing and Mannheim
- Setting up a Chongqing representative office in Mannheim and vice versa
- Organizing a conference in the two cities on economic cooperation topics during 2018

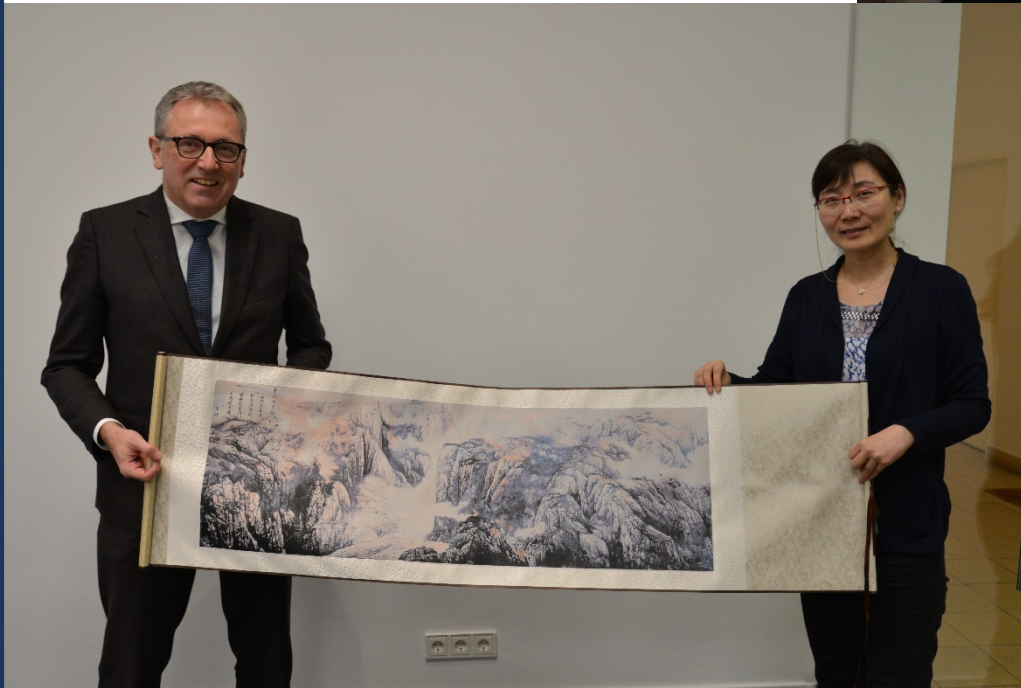
Visit in Mannheim

November 2017



Visit of Yuxinou
(Chongqing)
Logistics co., LTD
in Mannheim

January 2018



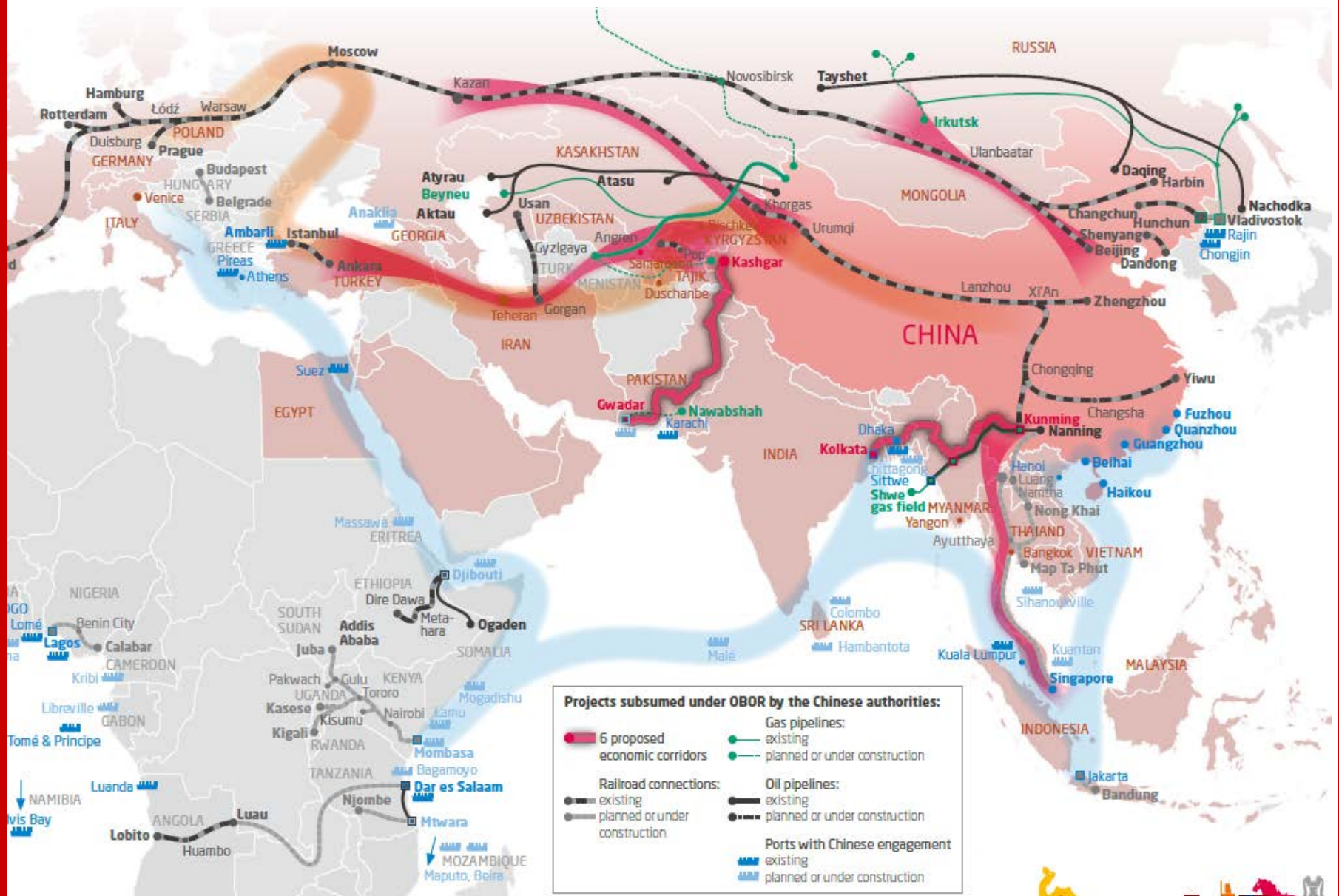
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Key outcomes of IUC-involvement

- Fast progress through regular assistance, guidance and financial support
- High-level political background
- Highly important to include all interested stakeholder from the beginning
- Through the IUC programme Mannheim is now internationally recognized for a very active engagement towards economic relations with Chinese partners → enables and accelerates further steps in this direction

Thank you!