

## Further Information

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## CO-REACH

CO-REACH is a network of European S&T policy and funding organisations involved in promoting research co-operation with China in all fields of science. This network is intended to create coherence and synergy in Europe's S&T relations with China. It will do so by promoting the co-ordination of China-related policies and associated research funding programmes of individual European countries. It integrates these efforts with those of other multilateral European initiatives, including initiatives run by the European Commission.

CO-REACH is supported by the European Commission as an ERA-NET Co-ordination Action under FP6. CO-REACH is one of the first ERA-NETs aimed at stimulating research collaboration. As such, CO-REACH is regarded as a pioneer in this field.

## Primary goal

The primary goal of CO-REACH is to develop joint activities and, ultimately, to establish one or more new European programmes of research co-operation with China. In 2008 CO-REACH successfully implemented the first multilateral Sino-European pilot programme: CO-REACH Social Science Research.



## Results

Since its launch in May 2005 CO-REACH produced the following main outputs:

### ONLINE CO-REACH DIRECTORY

This Directory is accessible via the CO-REACH website ([www.co-reach.org](http://www.co-reach.org)). The CO-REACH Directory is a dynamic information source that provides up-to-date information on bilateral funding schemes of all CO-REACH member organisations. The aim is to continuously expand the Directory with information on schemes of other national organisations across Europe and China. The ultimate goal is to become a 'Gateway to Europe' for European and Chinese scientists and policy makers.

### CO-REACH SOCIAL SCIENCE CALL

In August 2008 the CO-REACH network launched the CO-REACH Social Science Research Call. This multilateral Sino-European pilot call is jointly funded by 11 research funding organisations from 6 European countries and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences from China. More than 80 Sino-European research networks submitted a full proposal, of which 14 were selected for funding.

### EXTERNAL EVALUATION REPORT

An independent external evaluation was carried out during the summer of 2009. The findings and recommendations in this report are very useful for the CO-REACH consortium, as well as for the European Commission and other stakeholders. Formal delivery and dissemination of this report will be in November 2009.

## Partners

The CO-REACH consortium currently includes 16 partners representing 5 scientific academies, 7 research councils and 4 national ministries from 10 European countries. These partners include:

- Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW), The Netherlands (Co-ordinator)
- Academy of Finland (AKA), Finland
- Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research (BMWF), Austria
- French National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), France
- French Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MAEE), France
- French Ministry of National Education, Higher Education and Research (MESR), France
- Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), Germany
- German Research Foundation (DFG), Germany
- German Aerospace Center (DLR), Germany
- National Office for Research and Technology (NKTH), Hungary
- Royal Irish Academy (RIA) and Science Foundation Ireland (SFI), Ireland
- Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO), The Netherlands
- Research Council of Norway (RCN), Norway
- Polish Academy of Sciences (PAN), Poland
- British Academy (BA), The United Kingdom
- Royal Society (RS), The United Kingdom

## Observers

The consortium also includes 7 observers, representing the following organisations:

- Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic (AVČR), The Czech Republic
- Academy of Sciences of the Institute of France, France
- Italian National Research Council (CNR), Italy
- Malta Council for Science and Technology (MCST), Malta
- Polish National Centre for Research Development (NCBiR), Poland
- National Council of Scientific Research (CSIC), Spain
- Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences (KVA), Sweden