



**Study visit in Europe: EU best practices in Social Protection Reform with a focus on parametric pension reforms, new forms of employment and the challenges of an inclusive growth**

**France, Sweden, Finland**

**13 – 22 September 2017**





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Social Protection Reform Project

中国欧盟社会保护改革项目

## Component 1

### TOWARDS FAIR, AFFORDABLE AND ADEQUATE PENSIONS - PARAMETRIC REFORM AND REDISTRIBUTION THROUGH PUBLIC PENSION SCHEMES

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP  
PARIS, 14 SEPTEMBER 2017

## BACKGROUND NOTE

1. As part of its 2017 Programme of activities, the Component One of the EU-China Social protection reform project has undertaken, with its main partner, the Chinese National Development and Reform Commission, to conduct detailed analysis on the envisaged parametric reforms of the public pension system in China. This analysis would be based on works of eminent Chinese experts, confronted notably to recent parametric reforms in a number of European countries as described by respective national experts. It was also decided to conduct a separate analysis of the redistributive effect of envisaged parametric reforms in China, so that the Government receives all appropriate conclusions and recommendations from the Project on the parametric reforms it is in the process of considering.
2. Prof. Zhou Hong, Prof. Li Shi and their teams were in charge of conducting the analysis and simulation from the Chinese side. From the European side, experts from the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy, Poland and Sweden contributed national reports. While ad hoc documentation was also received from Finland and from Sweden.
3. In a first round of discussions, national Chinese and European experts could exchange over a week in China at the end of August 2017 on their respective analysis, findings, and experiences. The present workshop represents therefore the second step in this collaborative process where, in addition to the afore mentioned experts, specialists, academics and decision makers from the European Union, the OECD, and more academic circles will join in the debate.
4. It is expected that, at the end of the International workshop, the Chinese side will have gained an even clearer version of the possible contents and consequences of envisaged parametric reform, so that it may deliver a sound advice to the highest national authorities.
5. As for the European side, it will have gained a first-hand in-depth knowledge of the Chinese pension reform process in the making, and will have sharpened the analysis of its own situation, through confrontation and exchanges with a number of Chinese and other partners.
6. The EU-China Social protection reform project Component One is part of a four years cooperative effort in partnership with Chinese stakeholder, where the European side is composed of institutions from seven countries under the coordination of the National Institute for Social Security, INPS, from Italy. As for the Component One – Support to policy formulation, in partnership with NDRC – its responsibility is incumbent upon Expertise France. Project activities are reported in its bilingual website, <http://www.euchinasprp.eu>.



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A CHINA / EU INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP AND DIALOGUE

Hotel Mercure. 6 rue Saint-Lambert 75015 Paris (France), 14 September 2017

### AGENDA

9.00 – 9.30	<b>Registration</b>
9.30- 10.20	<p><b>OPENING CEREMONY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opening speech by Mrs Nathalie Nikitenko, Delegate for the European and International Affairs, Ministry of Solidarities and Health, Ministry of Labour (France) 10 min.</li> <li>- Statement &amp; keynote address by Mr. Li Kang, Director General, Department of Employment and Income distribution, NDRC (China) 20 min.</li> <li>- Pension adequacy in European Union countries by Mr. Andraz Rangus, Chair, EU Social Protection Committee Working Group on the Pension adequacy report 20 min.</li> </ul>
10.20- 10.35	<b>Coffee/Tea break</b>
10.35- 12.15	<p><b>Chair:</b> Mr. Koen Vleminckx, Director General Strategy, Research and International, Federal Public Service Social Security, Belgium</p> <p><b>PARAMETRIC REFORMS IN PUBLIC PENSION SYSTEMS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Chinese pension reform, and the relevance of the European experience by Ms Zhou Hong, Researcher, Member of Academic Board of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences 30 minutes</li> <li>- Comments from the European side, and relevant country experiences in parametric reform (10 minutes each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <i>Czech Republic – Mr. Jan Skorpik and Mr. Marek Suchomel, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs</i></li> <li>· <i>France – Ms Anne Lavigne, General secretary, Pensions Orientation Council</i></li> <li>· <i>Italy – Mr. Carlo Mazzaferro, University of Bologna</i></li> <li>· <i>Poland – Mr. Andrzej Szybkie, The Social Insurance Institution ZUS</i></li> <li>· <i>Sweden – Mr. Karl Birkholz, The Swedish Pensions Agency</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>- Summary of discussion and technical conclusions</li> </ul>

12.15-14.00	<b>Lunch break</b>
14.00-15.30	<p><b>Chair:</b> Ms. Zhou Hong, Chinese Academy for Social sciences</p> <p><b>THE INFLUENCE OF PARAMETRIC REFORM ON REDISTRIBUTION THROUGH PUBLIC PENSION SCHEMES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Current and prospective redistribution through the Chinese pension scheme for urban employees by Mr. Li Shi, Dean of China Institute for Income Distribution, Beijing Normal University 30 minutes</li> <li>- Political Economy of Pensions and Redistribution effects in Europe by Mr. Pieter Vanhuyse, Danish Center for Welfare Studies 30 minutes</li> <li>- Trend, causes and remedies to income inequality in OECD countries by Ms. Céline Thévenot, Social Policy Division, Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD 30 minutes</li> </ul>
15.30-16.00	<b>Coffee/Tea break</b>
16.00-17.15	<p><b>GENERAL DISCUSSION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Summary of discussion and technical conclusions drawn by Mr. Li Shi, Beijing Normal University</li> </ul>
17.15-17.30	<p><b>CLOSING CEREMONY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Closing comments by Mr. Niu Ming, Director General, Department of Employment and Income distribution, NDRC</li> <li>- Closing comments by Mr. Bertrand Barbé, Director General Delegate, Expertise France</li> </ul>



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## SECOND EU-CHINA HIGH LEVEL EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL SECURITY POLICY DIALOGUE:

*Inclusive growth and social integration – Chinese and European  
experiences*

Hotel Mercure. 6 rue Saint-Lambert 75015 Paris (France) 15 September 2017

### AGENDA

#### **CO-CHAIRS:**

Mr Li Kang, Director General, Employment and Income distribution department

Mr Michel Villac, Vice-President, French National High Council for Family, Childhood and Age

#### **9 :30 – 9 :45 Opening**

Welcome statement by the French Co-Chair 10 minutes

#### **9 :45 – 10 : 45**

##### **Session I – Employment and Social Integration**

Keynote address by DG Li Kang, 15 minutes

Supplementary statements (10 minutes each) by

- Mr Stefano Scarpetta, Director for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD
- Ms. Zhou Hong, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

Comments by other participants, and general discussion

*10 :45 – 11 :00 Coffee - Tea break*

#### **11 :00 – 12 :00**

##### **Session II – Social security and income redistribution**

Keynote address by Ms. Barbara Kauffmann, European Commission, 15 minutes

Supplementary statements (10 minutes each) by

- Mr Koen Vleminckx, Federal Public Service Social Security, Belgium
- Mr. Li Shi, Professor, Beijing Normal University
- Mr Antero Kiviniemi, Finland Representation to the EU

Comments by other participants, and general discussion

#### **12 :00 – 12 :30 Operational conclusions**

Closing statements by Mr Niu Ming and Co-Chair Li Kang

*12 :30 – 14 :00 Lunch*

#### **14:00 – 17 :00**

##### **Coordination meeting**

Discussion between the NDRC and European institutions on topics of interest for the 2018 work plan and potential cooperation activities to be implemented in pilot regions covered by SPRP.



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Flight : PARIS CDG STOCKHOLM ARLANDA / AF1262 K 17Sep 09:45 12:15 Hotel : Clarion Hotel Stockholm Ringvaegen 98 Stockholm 104 60 SE			
18 September 2017 (morning)	Stockholm	Swedish Pensions Agency	The political reforms and operational changes of the public pension scheme with a focus on individual contribution
19 September 2017 (afternoon)	Stockholm	Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	General presentation of the Swedish policy with respect to pension systems and reforms
Flight : STOCKHOLM ARLANDA HELSINKI / DY4291 H 19Sep 20:40 22:35 Hotel : Cumulus City Kallio Helsinki Lantinen Brahenkatu 2Helsinki 00510 FI			
20 September 2017	Helsinki	United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research	Presentation of the UNU-WIDER
		Ministry of Social Affairs and Health Social Security and Insurance Department	Redistributive role of social protection : the Finnish model and the Universal Basic Income
21 September 2017	Helsinki	Unemployment Insurance Fund	Main challenges of employment policy in Finland and the unemployment insurance organisation
		Eläketurvakeskus Finnish Centre for Pensions	Earnings-related pension scheme and the pension reform in Finland

**Members of the Chinese delegation**

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6.	Li Shi	Professor, Beijing Normal University, China	E75351517	Paris Helsinki
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