The European Union

Programmes for
EU-China Cooperation
in ICT

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Information Society

Content

- EU – China agreement

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

- International Cooperation programmes
  Asia Link
  Asia IT&C

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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

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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

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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*"

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'DigiCult' Unit

- Focus on *e*Culture and *e*Science (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

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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

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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

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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

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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**

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Asia Link
Work Programme - *Strands*

- Partnership projects – Human Resource Development / Curriculum Development / Institutional and System Development
- Information Studies and Support
- Capacity Building Actions

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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

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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!

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Asia IT&C
Areas of activity

- Agriculture
- Education
- eGovernance
- Transport
- Health
- Environment

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THANK YOU!

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