



Europe-China relations in a Changing World Order

Changing conditions and regulations for collaboration

EU Global approach to research & innovation and the specific cooperation with China

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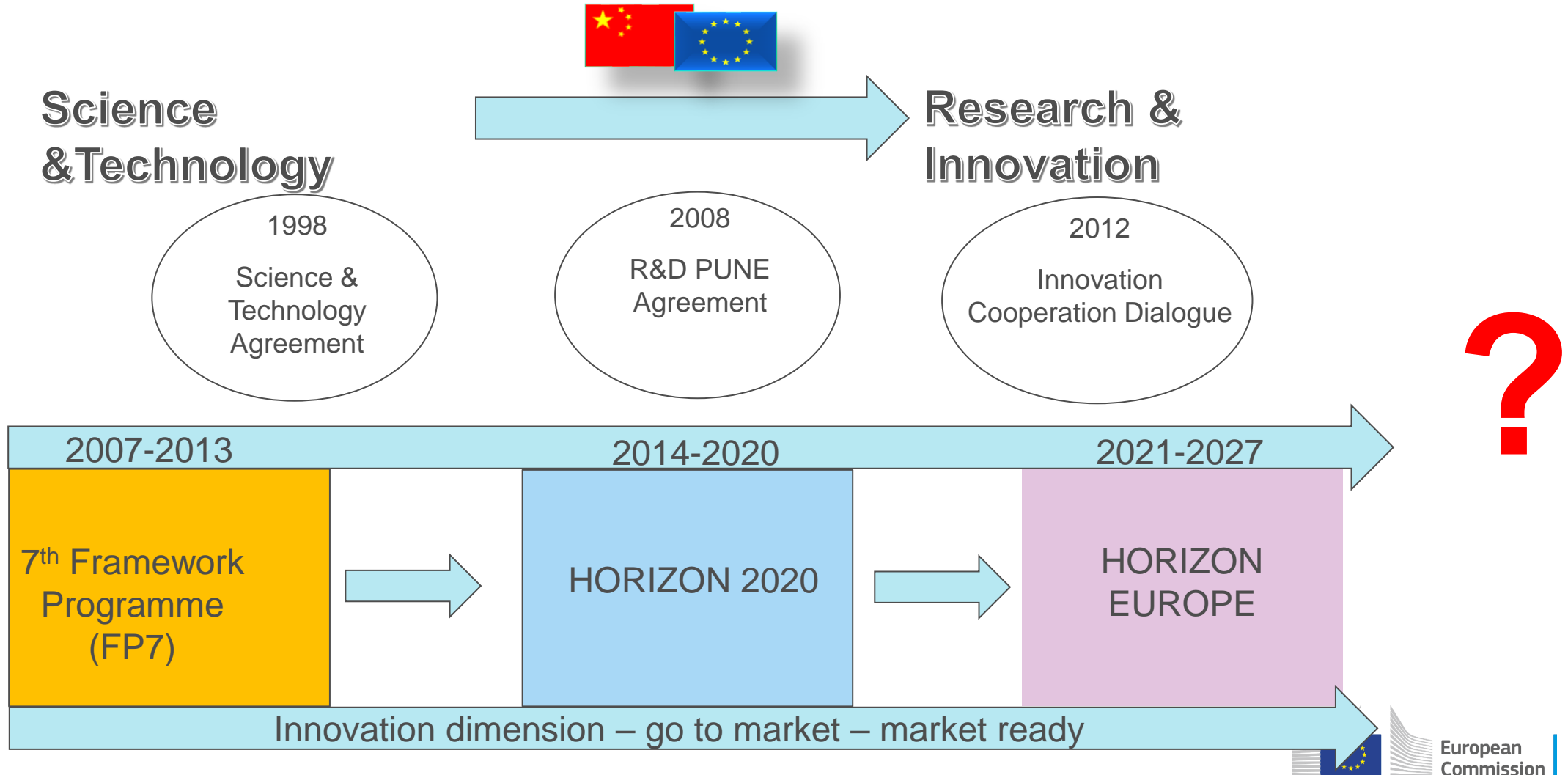
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EU China Collaboration: from S&T to R&I





EU Global approach to research & innovation

Introduction

- ❑ Communication from 18 May 2021 – new international cooperation strategy
- ❑ Communication on *Global Approach to Research and Innovation* replaces international cooperation strategy from 2012 *Enhancing and focusing EU international cooperation in research and innovation: A strategic approach*
- ❑ 2012 Communication guided EU scientific and technological relations with third countries in Horizon 2020 boosted through flagship initiatives with regions as regions such as Africa, Canada, Japan, South Korea, **China**, India
- ❑ 10 yrs later the new Global Approach to Research and Innovation supersedes the previous strategy in order to respond to today's significantly different global context and to align the EU's international cooperation with its current priorities.




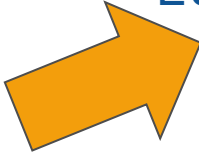
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Key actions

Promote openness and values in R&I

- Research ethics and integrity
- Gender equality, diversity and inclusiveness
- Open data and open science
- Standards
- Evidence-informed policymaking
- Science Diplomacy

Framework conditions in the
EU-China Joint Roadmap



Pursue level playing field and reciprocity

- Targeted bilateral roadmaps with prioritized non-EU countries 
- Develop **guidelines dealing with foreign interference** that targets EU research organizations and higher education institutions 
- Present a **code of practice on smart use of intellectual property** in an international context 



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Delivering the strategy: highlight actions

Modulated cooperation with third countries

- Seek to agree on the **EU-China Joint Roadmap** on science, technology and innovation cooperation to secure a level playing field and reciprocity as a precondition for future cooperation.

First review of progress in 2022



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Specific cooperation/China

- ❑ The Communication reaffirms the position from 2019 Strategic Outlook
 - ❑ CN is a partner for the EU in tackling global challenges
 - ❑ CN is an economic competitor
 - ❑ CN is a systemic rival
- ❑ Joint EU-China Roadmap to establish agreed framework conditions and guiding principles for cooperation to reach a level playing field and reciprocity
- ❑ identify research fields in which cooperation could be mutually beneficial, such as climate science and biodiversity protection, circular economy, health, food, agriculture, aquaculture, and ocean observation.
- ❑ EU knowledge network on China to address research and innovation, bringing together Member States and the EU to discuss and share best practices and strategies and agree on common approach.
- ❑ EU should take measures to tap into China's new research and innovation potential and encourage universities and research institutions to ensure a higher degree of reciprocity and mutual benefit in their cooperation with China

Reaching a level playing field and reciprocity will be conditional to developing cooperation with China!!!

An illustration showing several stylized human figures interacting with a globe. One figure is climbing a ladder to reach the top of the globe, another is holding a lightbulb, and others are positioned around the globe, suggesting global collaboration and research.

International cooperation in Horizon Europe

Safeguarding EU interests

- Work programme may limit participation in actions when there is a justified need to safeguard EU strategic assets, interests, autonomy or security.
- Work programme may limit participation of entities established in the EU or associated countries directly or indirectly controlled by non-associated non-EU countries, for duly justified and exceptional reasons, in order to guarantee the protection of the strategic interests of the EU.
- Provisions on exploitation, dissemination and right to object transfer of ownership and licenses to non-associated third-country entities in line with EU interest.



A stronger Europe in the World

Commission political priority



*“My Commission will be a **geopolitical Commission** committed to sustainable policies”.*

*“**Multilateralism** is in Europe’s DNA. It is our guiding principle in the world”.*

*“Europe will always fight for a **level playing field**”.*

*“In deepening our relationships, we will always be **guided by our values** and our respect for international law”.*

*“Europe should have a stronger and more **united voice** in the world”.*