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**Beneficiary:** Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM)

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**Stakeholders:** Local Bureaus of Commerce, National Bureau of Statistics, Statistics Netherlands

## Brief Activity Report

### Relevance and Impact

Keeping track of China's rapidly growing trade in services is a key challenge for statisticians in the Department of Trade in Services and Commercial Services in the Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM). With accurate statistics being vital for informed policy development, MOFCOM sought advice and expertise from the EU and Member States on best practices to improve its statistical system for trade in services.

To support these efforts, EUCTP held the **6<sup>th</sup> International Seminar on Trade in Services** in Changsha (Hunan province) which aimed to share European experiences, knowledge and best practices in the field of statistics for trade in services. With China planning measures to accelerate the development of the services industry through the China (Shanghai) Free Trade Zone, the seminar was a timely input to ongoing policy development and cooperation.

### Activity Description

About 65 participants from the Department of Trade in Services and Commercial Services of Ministry of Commerce and its local branches attended the seminar. Renata BRANDSTATTEROVA, third secretary, Trade and Investment Section at the Delegation of the European Union in China opened spoke on the huge potential of EU-China cooperation in trade in services. Participants discussed how the EU and China could partner to capitalise on these opportunities through improved statistical collection, analysis and reporting. Officials from the Ministry of Commerce introduced recent developments in global trade in services and measures for service industry development in the China (Shanghai) Free Trade Zone. Oscar Lemmers from Statistics Netherlands spoke on international trade in services and Foreign Affiliates Statistics. Fruitful discussions between experts and participants followed.



*Expert from Statistics Netherlands shares experience on methods for collecting statistics on*

### Results and Dissemination

- ✓ Informed China of Europe's latest developments in the field of international trade in services and Foreign Affiliates Statistics
- ✓ Informed the EU and Member States of the opportunities for trade in services arising from the China (Shanghai) Free Trade Zone
- ✓ Acted as a platform to exchange information, tools and methods on collection of statistics on trade in services
- ✓ Reinforced the ongoing EU-China cooperation in the field of statistics on trade in services, quality control and dissemination which should encourage further harmonisation in statistics on trade in services.