



Activity Title and Number: EU-China Seminar on lawyers practice and law firm management A418-C1

Beneficiary: Ministry of Justice (MoJ)

Location and Date: Beijing, 10 December 2015

Stakeholders: MoJ local branches, All China Lawyer's Association, Beijing Justice Bureau and Bar Associations

Brief Activity Report

Relevance and Impact

Since 2010, the EUCTP II has been working with the Chinese Ministry of Justice (MoJ) in pushing forward the reform of China's legal profession. In early November 2015, the EUCTP II organised a study visit to Europe for a delegation headed by the Department of Directing Lawyers and Notarization of MoJ which supervises and administers lawyers' performances. The visit to Europe aimed at providing Chinese officials with deeper insights on the development of the legal services sector in the EU.

On 10 December 2015, the EUCTP II organised a seminar in Beijing to disseminate the findings of this study visit to a greater audience of representatives from MoJ, Ministry of Commerce, Beijing Justice Bureau, various bar associations and All China Lawyer's Association.

Activity Description

A representative from the Ministry of Justice presented several steps pertaining to the opening-up of Chinese legal services since 2010 as well as the way EUCTP II has been supporting this process. The managing partner of Guarrigues, a Spanish law firm with offices in Shanghai, presented the good practices of the liberalisation of the European Union legal services market. The managing partner of Fenxun - the first Chinese law firm to have received approval for a Joint Operation (with British firm Baker & McKenzie) in the Shanghai Free Trade Zone - gave a presentation on opening up the Legal Services Sector in the Context of Economic and Investment Reform. The seminar was attended by 40 representatives from the industry.



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Results and Dissemination

The seminar provided:

- ✓ a platform to further discussion on issues surrounding the opening of China's legal services market in the context of economic and investment reforms;
- ✓ European legal practitioners in China a rare opportunity to discuss issues related with the liberalisation of legal services in China with the Ministry of Justice.