



A Network for European Researchers in China* (ERA-Link/China)

A new network is being developed for European researchers in China. It will provide web-based and other services for researchers who want to improve their contacts with other European researchers in China and Europe. This project is supported by the European Commission (Directorate General for Research and the Delegation of the European Commission to China) in collaboration with the Embassies of the EU Member States in China and the other European countries associated with the European Research Area.

A survey has been launched to identify ways of developing the network and the types of information and services that would be useful to European researchers. The results of this survey will be used to develop the network to be launched under the name ERA-Link/China later this year.

We would be very grateful if you could take the time to fill out this survey. It should take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

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Thank you in advance for your help. It is much appreciated.

For and on behalf of The European Commission

*European Researchers, including:

(i) Europeans who may not be doing research *stricto sensu* but have connections with science, technology or innovation activities in both public or private sector, e.g. European engineers, students, investors, entrepreneurs, patent attorneys, etc;

(ii) European researchers that are in contact with Chinese researchers, have co-published with them and/or frequently travel to China for work;

(iii) European researchers that would be interested in coming to China to work with Chinese researchers;

(iv) Representatives from European or Chinese organisations hosting European researchers in China.

Section 1: Background Information

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1. What is your current research position?

Pre-doctoral

Post-doctoral

Senior researcher

Other (please specify)

2. Which of the following best describes your field of research?

Other (please specify)

3. Which of the following best describes your workplace?

- University - Higher education sector
- Private sector company
- Research institution public sector
- Research institution private sector
- Other (please specify)

4. In professional terms, are you based in China, in Europe or elsewhere?

- Based in China
- Based in Europe

Other - Please specify

5. If you are based in China, please specify the Chinese Province you are based in:

6. Knowledge of the Chinese language

- None
- Basic
- Conversational
- Fluent

If you are based in China, please refer to questions 7, 8, 9.

If you are *not* based in China, please refer to questions 10, 11, 12, 13.

7. If you are based in China, for how long have you been based there?

- Less than 2 years
- 2 to 5 years
- 6 to 10 years
- 10 to 14 years
- 15 years +

8. If you are based in China, how long do you plan to stay there?

- For a maximum of 2 more years
- Between 2 and 5 years
- Between 6 and 10 years
- Between 10 and 14 years
- More than 15 years

9. If you are based in China, which one or two of the following best describe why you came to China?

- Access to specialist facilities
- Access to sources of research data
- Access to human resources
- Participation in a collaborative research project
- Opportunity to study or work with a particular research team
- Access to basic research funding
- Company relocation (business R&D or commercialisation opportunity)
- Interest in Chinese culture and language
- Friends or family connections
- Lack of research opportunities in Europe

Other (please specify)

10. If you are not based in China, are you or have you been involved in any research collaboration activity with China?

- I have been involved in the past and I am still involved in one/several collaboration activities with China.
- I have been involved in the past in one/several collaboration activities with China, but I am not anymore.
- I am currently involved in one/several collaboration activities with China, for the first time.
- I am not nor have been involved in any collaboration activity with China.

Other (please specify)

11. If you are not based in China, and you have been or are involved in research activities with China, when did this involvement start?

- 1 year or less than one year ago
- Between 1 and 2 years ago
- Between 2 and 5 years ago
- Between 6 and 10 years ago
- More than 10 years ago

12. If you are not based in China, and you have been or are involved in research activities with China, how many times have you visited China in the last three years for professional reasons?

- No visit
- One visit
- Two visits
- Three visits
- Four visits
- More than four visits

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13. If you are not based in China, and you have been or are involved in research activities with China, which of the following best describes your motivation? (up to three possible answers)

- Access to specialist facilities
- Access to research inputs, such as samples
- Access to human resources
- Participation in a collaborative research project
- Opportunity to study or work with a particular research team
- Access to basic research funding
- Company relocation (business R&D or commercialisation opportunity)
- Interest in Chinese culture and language
- Friends or family connections
- Lack of research opportunities in Europe

Other (please specify)

Section 2: Information and Services for European Researchers

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14. What would you expect to gain from networking with other European researchers based in China or involved in research activities with China? Please indicate expected usefulness.

	Very Useful	Useful	Neutral	Not very useful	Not useful at all
Increased and improved contacts with Chinese researchers and scientific organisations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased and improved contacts with European researchers and scientific organisations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social network	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Practical information on living and working in China	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

15. Which types of information should ERA-Link/China provide? How useful would the following be to you?

	Very Useful	Useful	Neutral	Not very useful	Not useful at all
Europe-China cooperation opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sources of funding from Europe and/or from China	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Career opportunities in Europe and/or in China	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Visiting professorships	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scientific conferences	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Summer training courses in Europe and/or in China	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Information about Chinese and European research policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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16. Which types of services should ERA-Link/China provide? How useful would the following be to you?

	Very Useful	Useful	Neutral	Not very useful	Not useful at all
European researchers in China contact database	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
ERA-Link electronic newsletter covering European and Chinese S&T news	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Research article database and archive	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Funding search tool	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Frequently asked questions (FAQs): e.g. Research funding, job opportunities in Europe or in China	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Local contact point for help and advice	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
European researcher online discussion fora / bulletin boards	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Regional meetings / conferences with other European researchers	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Annual networking event, e.g. conference, career fair, of European researchers in China	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Email alerts for European calls for proposals, fellowships, job opportunities etc.	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
European research policy updates	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn

17. Do you have any suggestions for the type of information and services that ERA-Link/China could provide to help you network with other European researchers in China or involved in research activities with China?

18. Are you part of a network of international researchers in China, e.g. EMBO, Humboldt, Marie Curie?

jn No

jn Yes (please specify)

19. Do you ever rely on your Embassy or the Delegation of the European Commission to China as a source of information and contacts with other researchers?

jn No

jn Yes (if so, in what capacity)

Section 3: Experience in Europe/China Research Collaboration

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20. What is your experience of research opportunities in Europe and in China and of Europe-China S&T cooperation?

	Yes	No
I have worked collaboratively with other researchers in Europe whilst in China	jn	jn
I am interested in research collaboration with researchers in Europe in the future	jn	jn
I have worked collaboratively with researchers in China whilst in Europe	jn	jn
I am interested in research collaboration with researchers in China in the future	jn	jn
I know how to find research vacancies in my country	jn	jn
I know how to find research vacancies in other European countries	jn	jn

Other (please specify)

Do you have any further comments to make on your personal experience in this area?

21. How do you access information on research opportunities and vacancies in Europe and in China and on Europe-China S&T cooperation?

Please select three sources of information that you use most:

- Colleagues/friends
- CORDIS & EUROPA websites
- Governmental Chinese websites
- Other Chinese websites
- Country-specific research portals
- European Researcher's Mobility Portal
- Internet search engine, e.g. Google
- Research publications/journals
- University/research institution websites
- I do not access information on research opportunities and vacancies in Europe, in China or Europe-China S&T cooperation

Other (please specify)

22. Have you heard of the following?

	Yes	No
The European Research Area (ERA)	jn	jn
The 7th European Research Framework Programme	jn	jn
The European Research Council (ERC)	jn	jn

Section 4: Researcher Profile

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23. What is your nationality?

Other (please specify)

24. Gender

Male

Female

25. What is your age?

< 25 Years Old

25 – 35 Years Old

36 – 45 Years Old

46 – 55 Years Old

56 + Years Old

26. Are you interested in being kept up to date with the development of ERA-Link/China?

Yes

No

Please enter the following details to be kept up to date with the development of ERA Link/China (Optional):

27. Email address:

28. Family name:

29. First name:

30. Name of institution you work for:

31. Street:

32. Zip code:

33. City:

34. Country:

35. Do you give your consent to being contacted to take part in a follow-up telephone interview?

Yes

No

36. Do you give your consent for your personal details to be used to develop a contact database for European researchers in China?

Yes

No

Thank you very much for completing this survey.