



## CEIBS Europe Forums make offline return with dual- venue stops linking Paris, Brussels and Shanghai

### Brussels: China-EU cooperation on decarbonization possible despite differences

In the face of climate change, achieving net zero carbon emissions and a green economic recovery have become key post-pandemic issues. Going green has become a new growth area and point of competition, but can also serve as an opportunity for international cooperation in building a better world for all.



This was the message delivered at the CEIBS Insights Brussels Forum in September on the theme of *China-Europe Cooperation on Decarbonization*. The event took place at dual venues in Brussels and Shanghai.

During the event, Interim Charge D'affaires of the Mission of the People's Republic of China to the EU Wang Hongjian emphasized the importance of China-EU green cooperation.

"One of the biggest lessons we can take from nearly 50 years of China-EU relations is that although we may have different systems, this does not prevent us from finding common ground," he said.

Former WTO Director-General and CEIBS Distinguished Professor Pascal Lamy also stated during the event that despite differences, China and the EU share many major commonalities.

"Decarbonization has become, and will remain for the times to come, the overarching main endeavour of humanity given the catastrophic impact of climate change. [...] The EU and China have to succeed, for themselves and also for the rest of the world," he said.

CEIBS President (European) Dominique Turpin then offered some brief words on the forum and the importance of its timing.



“This is an urgent topic that the world needs to address to ensure the future of the planet. It is not only important for us, but for our children and their children,” he said.

Finally, in wrapping up the event, CEIBS President Wang Hong said, “We know that this is an uphill battle for everyone; however, we see huge potential for future collaboration and we must have a long-term horizon and be able to work together at the government level as well as the business level to achieve the dual carbon goals.”

### Paris: Dialogue and economic cooperation vital to seeking common ground

Faced with a complex global landscape and growing instability, frontier technology and green transformation have become both economic growth points and battlefronts around the world. At the same time, a healthy global economic recovery which answers the challenges of climate change will require international dialogue and cooperation.



In this context, the CEIBS Insights Paris Forum was held at dual venues in Paris and Shanghai in September, exploring major changes in the Chinese economy in the post-COVID era.

In his opening address, Former Prime Minister of France and CEIBS Distinguished Professor Jean-Pierre Raffarin noted that competition and cooperation go hand in hand.

“Dialogue and economic cooperation are vital in today’s polarized world to have a balanced global governance,” he said, adding that, “The more we cooperate, the more likely conflict will diminish.”

These words were echoed by Chinese ambassador to France Lu Shaye, who stated that major economies should work together to overcome difficulties.

“We should embrace economic integration, not isolation; advocate openness and not be closed off; pursue mutual benefit instead of exclusiveness; and seek stability and be against volatility,” Mr. Lu said.

In closing the event, Consulate General of France in Shanghai Pierre Moussy stressed that while economic growth has faded, restoring normal trade and investment is important to healthy development.

“There are many examples of cooperation between China and France, such as offshore wind, batteries, energy, and green finance,” he explained. “We should support and further cooperate to ensure fair market access and a balanced technological partnership.”