



## **DECLARATION**

**on mutual cooperation in the field of technology transfer support  
between CHINA and Central and Eastern European Countries,**  
namely: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic,  
Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Montenegro, Poland, Romania,  
Serbia, Slovakia and Slovenia

(hereinafter referred to as “16+1 cooperation”)

Based on the Medium-Term Agenda for Cooperation between China and Central and Eastern European Countries;

In accordance with the document *China-EU 2020 Strategic Agenda for Cooperation* and other important documents like *Press Communiqué of the Meeting between Chinese and Central and Eastern European Leaders*, *China’s Twelve Measures for Promoting Friendly Cooperation with Central and Eastern European Countries*, *the Bucharest Guidelines for Cooperation between China and Central and Eastern European Countries* and *the Belgrade Guidelines for Cooperation between China and Central and Eastern European Countries*;

Considering the sincere interest of “16+1 cooperation” countries to support technology transfer besides the national level also in common transnational environment;

Concerning the fact that within the “16+1 cooperation” countries the need for protection of intellectual property generated as a result of research and development activity is fully acknowledged and respected together with the importance of its utilisation for the benefit of industrial praxis and society;

Following the interest shown by “16 + 1 cooperation” partnership concerning the extension and intensification of cooperation in area of technology transfer support;

Expecting concrete benefits of mutual cooperation for each country of the “16 + 1 cooperation” partnership in form of improved conditions for technology transfer related activities;

With regard to the willingness of concerned parties of “16 + 1 cooperation” to build and develop environment favourable for protection of intellectual property and its utilisation/commercialisation in international framework;



**concerned parties have agreed on this Declaration on mutual cooperation in the field of technology transfer support in following areas:**

1. Support in area of forming the suitable legal environment enhancing intellectual property (IP) protection and technology transfer.
2. Raising the awareness on the importance of IP protection and its utilisation in the praxis for the benefit of knowledge-based society.
3. Enhancing interactions between industry and academy in transnational context.
4. Creation, development and utilisation of common transnational database of experts experienced in different stages of technology transfer process (e.g. patent attorneys, marketing specialists, licencing experts, venture capitalists, etc.)
5. Sharing information on available technologies suitable for technology transfer, eventual creation of common transnational database of technology offers and needs.
6. Introduction of supportive systemic tools and mechanisms for effective IP management and technology transfer carried out at research institutions.
7. Marketing of technologies, searches for partners for commercial application of research results.
8. Know-how transfer, exchange of experience and best practises, incl. staff exchange.
9. Support in introducing and implementation of educational programmes oriented on IP rights issues and technology transfer on all educational levels, with specific focus on higher education and research institutions.
10. Organisation of transnational conferences, seminars, workshops and brokerage/matchmaking events in the field of IPR and technology transfer.

In order to co-ordinate and facilitate cooperation activities agreed to within this Declaration, concerned parties agreed on creation of Virtual “16 + 1 cooperation” Technology Transfer Centre (“16 + 1 TTC”). The role of the Secretariat of “16 + 1 TTC” will be taken over by the Slovak Centre of Scientific and Technical Information on behalf of Central and Eastern European Countries and by the Ministry of Science and Technology, P.R. China on behalf of P.R. China.

*Adopted by “16+1 cooperation” partnership during the 2nd Symposium on Innovation, Cooperation in Technology and International Transfer of Technology.*

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