

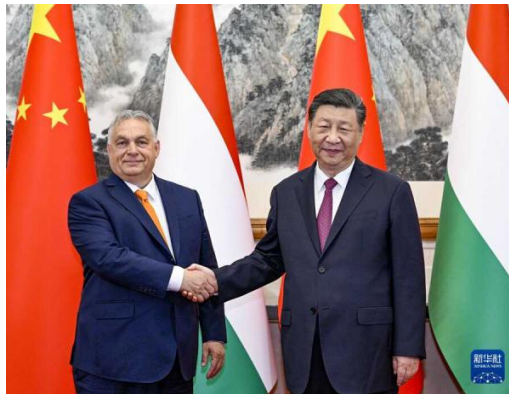
## China-CEEC Newsletter

2024.07-2024.08

### High Level Exchanges and Foreign Policy

- **President Xi Jinping Met with Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán**

On July 8, 2024, President Xi Jinping met with Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán at the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse in Beijing. ([read more](#))



- **State Councilor Shen Yiqin Visited Serbia**

Chinese State Councilor Shen Yiqin visited Serbia from Aug 12 to 14, meeting with Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic and holding talks with Serbian Prime Minister Milos Vucevic. ([read more](#))



- **Member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi Had a Phone Call with Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary Péter Szijjártó**

On July 16, 2024, Member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Foreign Minister Wang Yi had a phone call with Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary Péter Szijjártó at the latter's request.[\(read more\)](#)

● **Special Representative of the Chinese Government on European Affairs Wu Hongbo Visited Albania**

On July 1, 2024, Special Representative of the Chinese Government on European Affairs Wu Hongbo met respectively with Prime Minister Edi Rama and Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs Igli Hasani in Albania. [\(read more\)](#)



● **Vice Foreign Minister Deng Li Held Political Consultations with State Secretary of the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Traian Laurentiu Hristea**

On July 3, 2024, Vice Foreign Minister Deng Li held political consultations with State Secretary of the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Traian Laurentiu Hristea.

## **China-CEEC Dynamics**

● **The 2024 “Bridge of the Future” China-Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) Youth Campus**

The 2024 “Bridge of the Future” China-Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) Youth Campus, organized by the China International Youth Exchange Center (CIYEC), was held from Aug 10 to 17 in Beijing and Southwest China's Chongqing Municipality. A total of 39 participants, including youth representatives, youth organization leaders from 14 CEE countries, and representatives from four international organizations, attended the camp. During the camp held in Beijing, participants attended the opening ceremony and plenary meeting of the World Youth Development Forum, the Global Civilization Initiative International Youth Talk, and the Youth Pre-Meetings for the Summit of the Future. In Chongqing, they participated in the Thematic Forum on Digital Development of the World Youth Development Forum, the China-CEE Youth Work Dialogue, and the China-CEE Youth Roundtable Conference. They also visited such institutions as Southwest University and the Seres Group Co Ltd.



- **China and CEECs Advancing Economic and Trade Exchanges**

On July 1, the China-Serbia Free Trade Agreement (FTA) officially came into effect. On July 2, the Protocol for dairy products exported from Romania to the People's Republic of China and the Protocol on inspection, quarantine and sanitary requirements for wild aquatic products intended for export from Romania to the People's Republic of China were signed in Beijing, making it possible to export Romanian dairy and fish products to the Chinese market.

According to statistics from Ningbo Customs, the total import and export volume of Ningbo Port to CEECs in the first half of this year was 50.08 billion RMB, a year-on-year increase of 6.7%. Since the establishment of the Ningbo China-CEECs Economic and Trade Cooperation Demonstration Zone, the import and export value of Ningbo Port to CEECs in half a year has exceeded 50 billion yuan for the first time, and the economic and trade cooperation has reached a new high.

## **Upcoming Agenda (September to October)**

- **Briefing by the Secretariat of China-CEEC Cooperation**

The Secretariat of Cooperation between China and CEECs plans to hold a briefing this September to the CEECs embassies in China to exchange views on the working plans to advance the Cooperation for the next stage.

- **China-CEEC Conference on Industry-Academia-Research Cooperation and Exchange**

From 10 to 14 September, 2024 China-CEEC Conference on Industry-Academia-Research Cooperation and Exchange will be convened in Nanjing, Jiangsu Province. Organized by China-CEEC Technology Transfer Centre, the Conference aims at deepening innovation collaboration between China and CEECs on areas such as industry-academia-research cooperation, industrial demand matching, and technology transfer and transformation.

- **The 4<sup>th</sup> Conference of Liaison Officers of the China-CEEC Logistics Cooperation Secretariat**

From 27 to 29 September, the 4th Conference of Liaison Officers of the China-CEEC Logistics Cooperation Secretariat will be convened in Yibin, Sichuan Province. The Conference is co-hosted by Ministry of Transport and People's Government of Sichuan Province, and its theme is Sharing New Opportunities for Industrial Development, Promoting New International Logistics Channels.

- **China-CEEC Wine Competition**

From 27 to 29 September, 2024 China-CEEC Wine Competition will be held in Cangzhou, Hebei Province. This Competition is organized by China-CEEC SME Cooperation Zone in Cangzhou and Embassy of the Slovak Republic. Diplomatic envoys of CEECs, representatives of domestic and foreign associations, enterprises, wine tasters, dealers and universities in relevant fields are invited to attend.

- **The 6<sup>th</sup> China-CEEC Local Leaders' Meeting**

In order to further advance practical cooperation between China and CEECs in the fields of local, economic and trade, technology, people-to-people, green development and etc., the 6th China-CEEC Local Leaders' Meeting will be held in Yantai, Shandong Province this October 15-17. With the theme of China-CEEC Local Cooperation for the Future, the meeting consists of opening ceremony, Local Cooperation Forum and Academician Forum/Principles Round-table. Sub-forums on low carbon cooperation, business matchmaking, friendship associations dialogue, industry and education integration will be help on the side. China warmly welcome the participation of local leaders and Ambassadors from CEECs.

- **High Level Official Delegation of CEECs to China**

The Secretariat of China-CEEC Cooperation invites a High Level Official Delegation of CEECs to visit China from 12 to 19 October. This delegation will visit Beijing, Shandong Province and Shaanxi Province. During this visit, this delegation will also be invited to participate the 6th China-CEEC Local Leaders' Meeting and attend the open-to-traffic ceremony of China-Europe Railway Express originates from Xi'an.

- **China-CEEC Cooperation: Outcomes and Outlook Seminar & the Third Plenary Session of Global Partnership Center of CEECs and China**

Embassy of China in Poland and China Institute of International Studies will co-host China-CEEC Cooperation: Outcomes and Outlook Seminar & the Third Plenary Session of Global Partnership Center of CEECs and China in Warsaw late October. Members of Global Partnership Center of CEECs and China, think tanks and scholars from CEECs are invited to attend.

- **Reception to celebrate 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of diplomatic ties between China and seven Central and Eastern European countries**

A reception celebrating the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations between China and Bulgaria, Romania, Czechia, Slovakia, Hungary, Poland and Albania will be held in Beijing by Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries at the end of October.

