

China-CEEC Newsletter

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High Level Exchanges and Foreign Policy

- **Li Hongzhong Attended the Opening Ceremony of the 6th China-CEEC Local Leaders' Meeting**



On October 16, the 6th China-CEEC Local Leaders' Meeting opened in Yantai, Shandong province. Li Hongzhong, member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, attended the opening ceremony and delivered remarks.

The meeting was co-hosted by the Shandong Provincial People's Government, the Secretariat of Cooperation between China and Central and Eastern European Countries and the China-CEEC Association of Provincial Governors, under the theme of "China-CEEC Local Cooperation for the Future". More than 300 delegates from Central and Eastern European countries, including former political leaders, high-level officials, provincial governors and municipal mayors, diplomatic envoys and representatives of sister cities, friendship groups, business associations, as well as entrepreneurs, scholars and artists, attended the meeting.

- **Li Hongzhong Met with Deputy Speaker of the Hungarian Parliament Dr. Lajos Oláh**

On September 23, Li Hongzhong, member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, met with Dr. Lajos Olah, Deputy Speaker of the Hungarian Parliament and Vice-Chair of the Hungary-China Friendship Group of the Hungarian National Assembly, in Beijing.

- **Li Hongzhong Met with Delegation of the Croatian Democratic Union**

On September 9, Li Hongzhong, member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress,

met with a delegation of the Croatian Democratic Union (HDZ) led by Zeljko Reiner, member of the presidium of the Croatian Democratic Union and Deputy Speaker of the Croatian Parliament.



- **Serbian President Vucic Met with Wang Yi**

On September 24, local time, Serbian President Vucic met with Wang Yi, member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Chinese Foreign Minister, on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York.

- **Wang Yi Met with Serbian Deputy Prime Minister Vulin**

On September 11, Wang Yi, member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Director of the Office of the Central Commission for Foreign Affairs, met with Serbian Deputy Prime Minister Vulin in St. Petersburg.



- **Wang Yi Met with Slovenian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Fajon**

On September 25, Wang Yi, member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Chinese Foreign Minister, met with Slovenian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Fajon on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York.



- **Wang Yi Met with Greek Foreign Minister Gerapetritis**

On September 25, Wang Yi, member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Chinese Foreign Minister, met with Greek Foreign Minister Gerapetritis on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York.



- **Wang Yi Met with Romanian Foreign Minister Odobescu**

On September 26, Wang Yi, member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Chinese Foreign Minister, met with Romanian Foreign Minister Odobescu on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York.

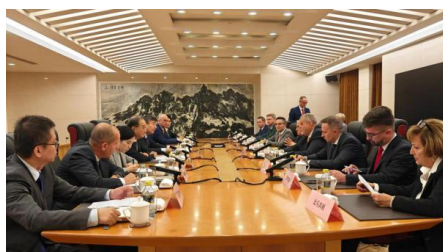


- **Wang Yi Met with Polish Foreign Minister Sikorski**

On September 26, Wang Yi, member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Chinese Foreign Minister, met with Polish Foreign Minister Sikorski on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York.



- **Vice Foreign Minister Deng Li Met with a High-level Delegation from Central and Eastern European Countries**



On October 14, Deng Li, Vice Foreign Minister and Secretary-General of the Secretariat of Cooperation between China and Central and Eastern European Countries, met with a high-level delegation from Central and Eastern European countries.

At the invitation of the Secretariat of Cooperation between China and Central and Eastern European Countries, representatives of high-level officials from 10 Central and Eastern European countries visited China from October 12 to 19. The delegation visited Beijing, Shandong province and Shaanxi province. Vice Foreign Minister Deng Li, Governor of Shandong Province Zhou Naixiang and Governor of Shaanxi Province Zhao Gang met with the delegation respectively. During the visit, the delegation participated in the sixth China-CEEC Local Leaders' Meeting and visited the operation center of the China-Europe Railway Express as well as a number of high-tech enterprises.

China-CEEC Dynamics

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

On September 12, 2024 China-CEEC Conference on Industry-University-Research Cooperation and Exchange was hosted in Nanjing by the Department of International Cooperation of the Ministry of Science and Technology and supported by the Science and Technology Bureau of Jiangsu Provincial Government. With the theme of Innovation and Win-win Cooperation, the event received wide participation of about 200 representatives from over 150 institutions from China and around 50 delegates from 29 institutions of 9 CEE countries including Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia and etc..

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

On September 20, the Secretariat of Cooperation between China and CEECs plans held 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.



● The 4th Conference of Liaison Officers of China-CEEC Logistics Cooperation Secretariat

The 4th Conference of Liaison Officers of China-CEEC Logistics Cooperation Secretariat was opened from 27 to 29 September in Yibin, Sichuan. With a theme of "Sharing New Opportunities for Industrial Development, Promoting New International Logistics Channels", the conference aims to promote exchanges and collaboration in areas including air logistics, road and freight train transport, port facilitation, as well as battery and EV industry. More than 200 representatives from 21 countries and 4 international organizations participated the conference.



● China-CEEC Wine Competition

From 27 to 28 September, 2024 China-CEEC Wine Competition was held in Cangzhou, Hebei. This year's competition was co-hosted by China-CEEC SME Cooperation Zone in Cangzhou and the Embassy of Slovakia in Beijing. A CEEC products procurement event was held on the margin. More than 10 companies from Slovakia, Czechia and other countries brought their featured products and had business match-making meetings with 60 firms from Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Yunnan, Tianjin and other places of China.

Upcoming Agenda

(November to December)

● China-CEEC (Cangzhou) SME Cooperation Forum

The 6th China-CEEC (Cangzhou) SME Cooperation Forum was convened from 7 to 8 November in Cangzhou, Hebei. This year's forum focuses on Deepening Cooperation and Sharing Opportunities, and it hosts a series of events on low-carbon economy, low-altitude economy, and innovation and entrepreneurship of SME. Over 300 representatives of relevant countries' government authorities, CEEC ambassadors and diplomats in China, and delegates of business associations, enterprises, universities, research institutions joined the event.

- **Conference of the China-CEEC Alliance of TVET Institutions for Industry-Education Collaboration**

The 2nd Conference of the China-CEEC Alliance of TVET Institutions for Industry-Education Collaboration to be held in Hefei, Anhui on November 15. The conference with the theme of “Openness, Mutual Benefit, Development” aims to promote bilateral and multilateral cooperation among Alliance members in the development of technical skills, enhance the quality of vocational education in China and CEE Countries, and foster economic and social development, as well as mutual understanding.

- **China-CEEC Political Parties Dialogue**

The International Department of the Communist Party of China will host 2024 China-CEEC Political Parties Dialogue in Beijing in late November. The dialogue themes *Chinese Path to Modernization and the New Opportunity for the Development of China-CEEC relations: Political Parties’ Contribution*. Over 20 party leaders of 14 CEECs are invited to attend the event.

- **Reception to celebrate 75th 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 on 29 November.

- **China-CEEC High Level Think Tanks Seminar**

The 10th China-CEEC High Level Think Tanks Seminar will be opened from 28 to 29 November in Beijing. This seminar is co-organized by Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and the Secretariat of China-CEEC Cooperation. The main forum themes Co-operation between China and CEECs in a Changing World: Common Development and Perspective in Future. Four parallel sub-forums will be held at the same time. Representatives from China and Europe’s government authorities, academic sector, and think tanks are invited to attend.

- **China-CEEC Innovation Cooperation Think Tanks Round-table**

On December 2, China-CEEC Innovation Cooperation Think Tanks Round-table & CEECs Innovation Exchanges Visit to China (Serbia special event) will be convened in Ningbo. Organized by China-CEEC Innovation Cooperation Research Center, the meeting provides a communication platform for think tanks, governments and enterprises to discuss the cooperation policy and channels of China and CEECs.

- **China-CEEC Cooperation: Outcomes and Outlook Seminar**

Embassy of China in Poland and China Institute of International Studies will co-host China-CEEC Cooperation: Outcomes and Outlook Seminar in Warsaw early December. Members of Global Partnership Center of CEECs and China, think tanks and scholars from CEECs are invited to attend.

