

WYSS 2026 European Event and China-EU Young Scientists Exchange Event (October 16th, 2026)

- **Conference Theme:** "Frontier Science & Youth Responsibility, Shaping a Sustainable Future Together"
- **Address:** STEIGENBERGER ICON WILTCHER'S, 71 Avenue Louise, 1050 Brussels, Belgium.
- **Welcome Reception** (upon invitation): CET 19:00 - 21:30 on **Oct. 15th, 2026**
 - 19:00-21:30 Welcome dinner (Cafe Wiltcher's).
- **Event:** CET 08:30 – 21:00 on **Oct. 16th, 2026.**
 - 08:30 - 09:30: Morning reception (with coffee and snacks), networking, and registration
 - 09:30 - 10:30: Opening session
 - 10:30 - 10:55: Group Photo & coffee break
 - 10:55 - 12:10: Keynote speech session
 - 12:10 - 12:45: Ignite talk session
 - 12:45 - 13:45: Lunch
 - 13:45 - 16:00: Thematic speech session
 - 16:00 - 16:30: Coffee break
 - 16:30 - 18:30: Parallel sessions
 - 18:45 - 21:00: Closing session and event dinner
- **Opening Session** (Ballroom B): 09:30 - 10:55

Time	Topic	Speaker
09:30 - 09:35	Introduction	Moderator: Dr. Yang Ling, Director of ACEIE, Germany
09:35 - 09:40	Five Years in Europe, WYSS European Event has taken root in Brussels	Dr. Song Zhiwei, President of ACEIE, Executive Chairman of the European Secretariat of WYSS, Belgium
09:40 - 9:50	Opening Remarks	H. E. Mr. Cai Run, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the European Union, China
09:50 - 10:00	From Dialogue to Delivery: Building a Resilient EU-China Science and Technology Partnership	Mr. Joseph Leinen, Formal President of Delegation for relations with the PRC in European Parliament, Germany
10:00 - 10:10	From Local Talent to Global Impact: Youth Leadership in Science and Technology	H.E Mrs. Mmasekgoa Masire Mwamba, Former Commonwealth Deputy Secretary-General, Botswana
10:10 - 10:20	Diplomacy in Today's World: Reflections on EU – China Engagement	Dr. Ondrej Dostal, Member of the European Parliament, Czech Republic
10:20 - 10:30	Opening Remarks	Mr. Zhang Guangjun, Vice Minister of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China, China
10:30 - 10:55	Group Photo & Coffee Break	All



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• **Keynote Speech & Ignite Talk Session (Ballroom B): 10:55 - 13:45**

Time	Topic	Speaker
10:55 - 11:00	Introduction	Moderator: Dr. Yang Ling, Director of ACEIE, Germany
11:00 - 11:30	Seizing the Opportunities of Safe, Secure and Trustworthy AI systems for Sustainable Development	Prof. Gong Ke, Former President of the World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO), Executive Director of the Chinese Institute for the New Generation Artificial Intelligence Development Strategies, China
11:30 - 12:00	Clinical Trials and Pharmaceutical Innovation: The German Perspective	Prof. Salah-Eddin Al-Batran, Chief Executive Frankfurt Institute of Clinical Cancer Research (IKF), Germany
12:00 - 12:10	Integrating Youth Wisdom for China-Europe Development	Mr. Xia Bing, Deputy Director of the Secretariat of China Association for International Exchange of Personnel, China
12:10 - 12:45	Ignite Talks: From Lab to Life; My Small Step, Earth's Giant Leap; Can AI Save the Planet? Don't Wait for an Invitation; Failed Experiments are also Gifts	Moderator: Dr. Sun Yan, Maastricht University, the Netherlands Lightning Speakers: • Dr. Deng Min, University of Oslo, Norway • Dr. Michalina Radzinska, Nicolaus Copernicus University (NCU), Poland • Dr. Xu Jing, Karolinska Institute, Sweden • Dr. Patrick Fuchs, University of Antwerp, Belgium • Dr. Maximilian Kloft, University Cancer Center in Frankfurt am Main, Germany
12:45 - 13:45	Lunch	All

• **Thematic Speech Session (Ballroom B) 13:45 - 16:30**

Time	Topic	Speaker
13:45 - 14:00	Introduction	Moderator: Prof. Jan Cornelis, former vice rector of Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium
14:00 - 14:15	Laboratory Medicine at the Heart of the New Prevention Ecosystem: From Innovation to Impact	Prof. Damien Gruson, Cliniques Saint-Luc UCL, President-Elect at EFLM, Chair at IFCC Emerging Technologies, Belgium
14:15 - 14:30	Exponential Innovation - Readiness, Relevance, Regeneration	Prof. Saman Sarbazvatan, COO and Vice Dean of École des Ponts Business School of École Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées (ENPC) and the Founding Director of ReTech Center, France
14:30 - 14:45	When AI Becomes a Scientist: Building Trust Infrastructure for AI for Science	Prof. E Haihong, Beijing University of Post and Telecommunication, China
14:45 - 15:00	From Roads to the Sky: How China and Europe Can Shape the Low-Altitude Mobility Revolution?	Mr. Stephan Horvath, Head of Overseas Business Development of Shenyang Proton Aviation Technology & Partner of SilkRoad Cooperation, Germany
15:00 - 15:15	Data Collection in the Wild: The Next Challenge for Physical AI	Mrs. Dove Feng, Head of Marketing at MANUS, The Netherlands
15:15 - 15:30	The Materials of Change: Why the Net Zero Transition Needs Young Scientists	Mr. Sreyansh Tiwari, Head of Operations International Association of Advanced Materials (IAAM), Sweden



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15:30 - 15:45	The challenges and opportunities of the energy transition - The role of the UN Council of Engineers for the Energy Transition	Prof. Nicolaos Theodossiou, Professor Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece President of AECEF Chair of UN SDSN Black Sea, Greece
15:45 - 16:00	Neuromorphic Economy 5.0 – Cognition, Consciousness, Capital	Dr. Hazleen Ahmad, Fellow of the ReTech Center at École des Ponts Business School, France
16:00 - 16:30	Coffee Break	All

- **Parallel Session 1 (Ballroom B): Voice of China - EU Youth, Answer to the Future: 16:30 - 18:30**

Time	Organization	Speaker
16:30 - 16:45	Introduction (Moderator)	Moderator: Prof. Guan Ke, Beijing Jiaotong University, China
16:45 - 18:30	1. Flash Talks 2. China - EU Youth Dialogue	Flash Talk Speakers • Prof. Liu Xiuyun, Tianjin University, China • Prof. Wu Jie, Westlake University, China • Prof. Shu Yuanchao, Zhejiang University, China • Prof. Yuan Fangfang, Central South University, China • Prof. Liu Li, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Guangzhou), China • Dr. Philipp Svoboda, Technische University Wien, Austria • Dr. Zhiwen Jiang, French National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), France • Dr. Silviu Florin ACARU, AIXTRON, The Netherlands • Prof. Jelle Laverge, Ghent University, Belgium • Dr. Leonard Wee, Aalborg University, Denmark, Maastricht University, The Netherlands Sounding Board • Mr. Laurent Coulie, Belgium • Mr. Manuel Mersini, Italy • Mr. Jeffrey Tury-Rakar, Austria • Mr. Gilles De Regge, Belgium • Dr. Ma Zhongxuan, The Netherlands • Mr. Sreyansh Tiwari, Sweden • Mr. Colin Tan, The UK • Mr. Lukas Janotka, Switzerland • Mrs. Valentina Chessa, Spain • Dr. Zhao Ran, Belgium

- **Parallel Session 2 (Honneur): Science Diplomacy for an Era of Global Transformation: 16:30 - 18:30**

Time	Topic	Speaker
16:30 - 16:45	Welcome and session presentation (Moderator)	Moderator: Prof. Justo García Navarro, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid (UPM), Spain
16:45 - 18:30	1. Speech session 2. Challenge presentation: The University as an Actor in Science Diplomacy: From Research to Global Action (Moderator) 3. Workshop 4. Elevator pitches 5. Summary	Speakers: • Mrs. Saima Asghar, PhD candidate at Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), Belgium • Prof. Eric Piaget, International Relations Officer at Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), Belgium Dialogue Speakers: Prof. Jan Cornelis, Belgium Prof. Damien Gruson, Belgium Prof. Salah-Eddin Al-Batran, Germany Prof. Piet Herdewyn, Belgium Prof. Pan Feng, China Prof. Wolfgang Jacquet, Belgium Prof. Dr. Ronit Shiri-Sverdlov, The Netherlands Prof. Brian Boag JP, The UK Prof. Dr. Michał Nowicki, Poland Prof. Dr. Diana Robescu, Romania Dr. Stephan Jüngling, Switzerland Prof. Ir. Wim Boydens, Belgium Prof. Wu Fan, USA Prof. Rigo Enric Ordeix, Spain Prof. Sandra Hasanefendic, The Netherlands Prof. Vladimir Jakovjevic, Serbia Prof. Saman Sarbazvatan, France Prof. Nicolaos Theodossiou, Greece Prof. Josep Bordonau, Spain Dr. Yu Diao, Belgium

- **Parallel Session 3 (Bellevue B): Women at the Forefront of Collaborative Intelligence: 16:30 - 18:30**

Time	Topic	Speaker
16:30 - 16:45	Introduction (Moderator)	Moderator: Mrs Barbara Vercruysse, President of Professional Women International (PWI) Brussels, Belgium
16:45 - 18:30	1. Speech session 2. Introduction of Collaborative Intelligence 3. Dialogue discussion: Diversity as a Design Principle	Speakers: • Prof. Bo Gao, Chair, Women Scientists Committee, World Association of Young Scientists (WAYS), China • H.E Mrs. Mmasekgoa Masire Mwamba, Former Commonwealth Deputy Secretary-General, Botswana Dialogue Speakers: Dr. Yang Li, Germany Mr. Wang Jia, China Dr. Ngomsik Audrey, Belgium Prof. Zhang Weihong, Belgium Prof. Zhang Xun, France Ms. Anne Evanno, France

		Dr. Ivona Ladevac, Serbia Dr. Monika V. Kronbügel, Germany Mr. Frank Schwalba-Hoth, Germany Ms. Raluca Ioana CIBU BUZAC, Romania Dr. Sara Medina, Portugal Ms. Inge Mangelschots, Belgium Ms. Lijun Leibold, Germany Mrs. Chen Jue, Belgium Mrs. Dove Feng, The Netherlands Ms. Viktoria Novik, Belgium Mrs. Mao Xi, Belgium
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- Parallel Session 4 (Bellevue A): 55-Year Cooperation, A New Chapter in Sci-Tech & Trade:**
 16:30 - 18:30

Time	Topic	Speaker
16:30 - 16:45	Introduction (Moderator)	Moderator: Mrs Gwenn Sonck, Executive Director of Flanders-China Chamber of Commerce (FCCC), Belgium
16:45 - 18:30	1. Speech session 2. Dialogue session: explore how China and Belgium can collaborate in research, innovation, investments, and technology industrialization?	Speakers: - Mr. Fu Jing, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Guangzhou), China - Em. Prof. dr. ir. Luc Taerwe, Ghent University, Belgium Dialogue Speakers: - Mr. Fu Jing, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Guangzhou), China - Dr. Yang Zhen, Hangzhou Junshore Technology Co., Ltd., China - Dr. Li Yue, Research Fellow at NingboTech University, China - Mr. Luo Yucheng (Jason), General Manager of China-Belgium Technology Center (CBTC), Belgium - Ms. Liang Linlin, Director of Communication and Research, China Chamber of Commerce to the EU, Belgium - Em. Prof. dr. ir. Luc Taerwe, Ghent University, Belgium - Mr. Frederic Deprez, Flanders Investment and Trade (FIT), Belgium - Mr. Dirk Lambrecht, Head of the Major 3D Animation Production at Digital Arts and Entertainment, Howest Kortrijk, Belgium - Mr. Maxime Dechamps, founder and Managing Director of 8AM Group and Dechamps Media, Belgium - Dr. Ludo Cuypers, CEO of COMmeto - Mr. Sietse-Arne Schelpe, CEO of Wetime, Belgium - Mr. Paul Thoeng, CEO of CHESS Management Ptd Ltd, Belgium



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- **Closing Session (Ballroom B): 18:45 - 21:00**

Time	Topic	Speaker
18:45 - 19:15	Briefs on parallel sessions by session leaders	Moderator: Mrs. Chen Jue, Director of ACEIE, Belgium
19:15 - 19:20	Signing Ceremony	ZAST, China; ACEIE, Belgium and Circular EELISA, Spain
19:20 - 19:30	Closing Remark	Ms. Li Yan Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the Kingdom of Belgium, China
19:30 - 21:00	Dinner	All