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Предмет: Позив за учешће на симпозијуму „8<sup>th</sup> China and Central Eastern European Countries Think Tank Symposium“ од Дипломатског института МИП РБ

У прилогу достављамо позив за учешће на симпозијуму „8<sup>th</sup> China and Central Eastern European Countries Think Tank Symposium“ (на енглеском језику), који је Амбасади достављен од стране Дипломатског института МИП РБ.

Како је наведено, наведени симпозијум ће, у организацији Института за европске студије при Академији за друштвену науку НР Кине и „СЕЕС Think Tank Network“ бити одржан крајем октобра месеца о.г. Бугарска страна је обавестила да је због ограничења и мера које су на снази поводом Ковид-19 пандемије, реализација путовања отежана, те да ће њихово учешће на симпозијуму бити реализовану у онлајн формату.

Детаље за учешће на наведеном симпозијуму достављамо у прилогу.  
(М.Секулић)

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## Call for Papers for the 8th China-CEEC High-level Think Tanks Symposium

*Dear Members of think tanks, scholars, researchers, experts and related representatives,*

The Institute of European Studies to CASS and the Bulgarian Diplomatic Institute will co-hold in cooperation with the 17+1 China-CEEC Think Tanks Network **the 8th China-CEEC High-level Think Tanks Symposium** at the end of October, 2021. Due to still travelling difficulties/restrictions following Covid-19, the Symposium is planned to take place in a hybrid format, offline/residentially in Beijing (China) and online, from Sofia (Bulgaria).

The 8th edition of China-CEEC Think Tanks Symposium will be an important step forward towards promoting and upgrading the China-CEEC cooperation and will be aimed at reiterating the lead role of the 17+1 China-CEEC Think Tank Network as a substantive discussion platform for academic, expert, policy research and scientific driven exchange between China and the Central and Eastern European countries (members of the 17+1).

Leaders from China and CEEC, representatives of think tanks, policy researchers, scholars, experts, practitioners from multiple fields of study, work and professional background will be invited to contribute to the success of the Symposium.

We now call for papers from China and European think tanks. Once approved by peer review, the organizers will invite you to attend the symposium.

### I. Topics

The Symposium welcomes papers on the following themes but not limited to:

- 1. Looking at the 17+1 from a perspective of 9 years of mutually productive and beneficial China-CEEC cooperation.**

Assessing the 17+1 cooperation platform from a point of institutional, structural,

policy-making, strategic and etc. framework of analysis; reviewing performance of sectoral cooperation mechanisms (as an institutional novelty within the 17+1) and offering ways of improving their performance and overall contribution to the 17+1 development; discussing the internal and external challenges and future prospects for the 17+1. Reviewing the 17+1 in the context of EU-China relationship (incl. in the context of recently concluded EU-China Bilateral Investment Agreement).

**2. Assessing the China-CEEC cooperation potential for jointly tackling health and economic recovery related issues (caused by the unprecedented Covid-19 pandemic)**

The focus will be made on analysing, sharing data, information, good practices and experiences on containment and treatment, as well as cooperation on vaccine production, usage and transportation, so as to enhance the level of health and medical cooperation between China and CEE countries in the context of battling COVID-19 pandemic. We will also probe into means of re-restarting normal economic activity (both in China and the CEEC), including ways of re-opening of production and services sector, resuming of active business exchanges between China and CEEC in a steady and orderly manner (considered urgent and important steps towards steady economic recovery and sustainability).

**3. Promoting jointly China-CEEC cooperation in fields of green economy and digital economic transformation.**

In view of that we will explore ways of deepening exchanges and cooperation in transition to energy and environmental sustainability, tap the potential of green economy and environmental cooperation between China and CEE countries (incl. assessing the positive impact of the EU Green Deal on China-CEEC in renewable energy and climate focused cooperation). We will also examine the ways of expanding the cooperation in the fields of digital economy (in particular, assess the transformative power of e-commerce and e-learning/knowledge sector for the global economy) and cyber governance (incl. cyber standardization, cyber security, development and application of digital infrastructure technologies and Artificial Intelligence in various sectors of industry and services).

**4. Strengthening in practice connectivity-driven cooperation (for instance, in fields of infrastructure development, transportation and logistics, local cooperation and people-to-people exchange)**

In the context of synergizing 17+1 and Belt and Road Initiative the emphasis will be put on evaluating trade and investment potential between China and CEEC, proposing ways for fostering mutually beneficial local cooperation, people-to-people exchange, and in general, promoting high-quality inter-connectivity development. In view of that, we will review ways of upgrading the cooperation model for joint

implementation of strategic transportation and infrastructure projects and thus help realisation of Belt and Road trans-continental economic corridors (such as China-Europe Railway Express, China-Europe Land Sea Express Line, and the Air Silk Road to name a few).

## **II. Papers' requirements**

The number of words of academic papers is not strictly limited, and it needs to meet the standard of general academic papers. The paper format adopts Chicago Manual citation style (16th Edition).

## **III. Submission**

Please submit your paper to:

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Dr Valentin Katrandzhiev, the Bulgarian Diplomatic Institute

## **IV. Deadline**

Abstracts and outlines of papers are expected to be submitted by **15<sup>th</sup> August 2021**, and the deadline for submitting completed papers will be one month after the end of the Symposium.

## **V. Publication**

Papers will be published as the form of Proceedings after the Symposium.



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TO  
H.E. MR. ŽELJKO JOVIĆ  
AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA  
IN BULGARIA

Sofia, 12 July, 2021

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The Diplomatic Institute to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria (hereinafter referred to as the Bulgarian Diplomatic Institute) and the Institute for European Studies of the Chinese Academy of Social Science (CASS), in cooperation with the 7+1 China-CEEC Think Tanks Network will be co-holding the **8<sup>th</sup> High-level Symposium of Think Tanks of China and Central and Eastern European Countries** during the last week of October 2021.

Due to still travelling difficulties and restrictions in the context of on-going Covid-19 pandemic, one-day think tank forum is planned to take place in a hybrid coordinated format, residentially/offline in Beijing, China and online from Sofia, Bulgaria.

The 8<sup>th</sup> China-CEEC Think Tanks Symposium is part of the calendar of events included in the “**2021 Cooperation between China and Central and Eastern European Countries Beijing List of Activities**”. China-CEEC Think Tanks Symposium has served as a useful analytical and policy driven inter-disciplinary platform for scholars and practitioners from different fields of study and expertise to meet and discuss current status, challenges and prospects to the 17+1 cooperation initiative. Throughout nine years of the existence of the cooperation initiative, a considerable number policy recommendations resulting from the China-CEEC think tanks deliberations have been incorporated in the 17+1 summits guidelines, agendas, political declarations.

Currently, the organisers of the forum have opened a *Call for Papers/Participation* based on a number of indicative topics and criteria for participation, thus inviting prospective candidates from countries (that part of the 17+1) to express their willingness to participate by submitting their paper proposals.

In reference to that, we would be very grateful if the Embassy of Serbia in Sofia through its diplomatic channels brought to the kind attention the information about the planned 8<sup>th</sup> China-CEEC think tank event and the attached CfP to respective academic, research and expert communities in your country (that would be interested to participate in the forthcoming 8<sup>th</sup> China-CEEC High-level Think Tanks Symposium).

Please, accept, Your Excellency, assurances of my highest consideration.

RESPECTFULLY,  
TANYA MIHAYLOVA  
DIRECTOR