

Sino-European Innovation Event of COSME PIMAP+ project: A great success of participation and outcomes!

From 16th to 17th June 2021, the Sino-European digital forum has gathered about 642.000 Chinese and European participants online, and 40 persons in presential, in Beijing. The event was organized by ALPHA-RLH competitiveness cluster, as the coordinator of PIMAP+ project, in cooperation with the Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Science and Technology (China) and Beijing Zhongguancun Overseas Science Park Co., Ltd.

The opening ceremony started with a speech of **Mr. Xu Guanhua, Former minister of the Ministry of Science and Technology of China**, and **Mr. Jean-Pierre Raffarin, Former Prime Minister of France**. Mr Raffarin underlined the success of the French "pôles de compétitivité" policy he has launched 17 years ago and encourage the cooperation and mutual understanding between the European Union and China. Mr Hervé Floch, Director General of ALPHA-RLH, pointed out the European and international strategy of the cluster to develop innovation, research and development worldwide which materialized in the opening of an overseas office in China, 10 years ago.

This event was the opportunity **to sign a cooperation project agreement between ALPHA-RLH and ZGC Overseas Science Park**, in the frame of PIMAP+ project, and enabled the French company Amplitude to officialize a partnership with Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

Several European and Chinese companies and academics introduced their innovation projects and cutting-edge technological products. Mr. John Lopez, a world-class researcher gave a short overview of the last developments on surface structuration and functionalization by laser processing. Then, Mrs Previtali from Politecnico di Milano (Italy), shared her innovations in the field of laser technologies. Afterwards, Mr. Pedro Vieira introduced some new concepts of digitalization regarding robotics and artificial intelligence developed by its company Controlar (Portugal). Later on, Mr Kotek gave a brief overview of the company Evektor (Czech company) and its light sport aircrafts technologies.

On 17th June, **European and Chinese companies took part in a roadshow to promote their unique know-how and foster exchanges** through a Q&A discussion, just after an introduction session with the presentation of Zhongguancun Group and PIMAP+ consortium. The roadshow started with Radarbolaget which introduced its radar technologies. Afterwards, BLM group detailed its design and digitize systems for tubes processing. Then, MGM company delivered a presentation on complex electric propulsion system designs used in fully electric aircraft. And finally, two French companies, Photonis and i2S, performed presentations about ultra-sensitive intensified cameras and Terahertz cameras for non-destructive applications.

This event gave a **unique opportunity to European companies from PIMAP+ ecosystem to showcase their products and facilitate their access to potential partners and customers from China**, particularly in the context of COVID -19 travel restrictions.

The great success of this event confirms the interest of European and Chinese ecosystems to further collaborate. Zhongguancun Overseas Science Park and ALPHA-RLH are willing to reiterate this experience and offer future high-level collaborative opportunities to their respective members.

