

PILOT SITES -first mission, September 2015

The Project Advisory Committee, meeting on 21 April 2015, had endorsed the choice of three pilot sites for C1 activities, namely Shanghai city for the topic on Ageing population, Sichuan Province - city of Luzhou - for rural-urban integration including migrant workers issues and Guangdong province - city of Huizhou - for Migrant workers' questions.



Luzhou city



Huizhou city

At the initiative of NDRC, two field visits were organised in September 2015, to respectively Huizhou and Guangzhou cities (Guangdong Province) and Luzhou and Chengdu cities (Sichuan Province). Those missions aimed at gaining first-hand knowledge of the situation in pilot sites, and at listening to the expectations of local

authorities concerning their collaboration with the project C1 component. Representatives from the EU delegation took part on the mission to Sichuan province, thus marking their interest in project activities.



Visiting Social security community center, Luzhou City



Meeting with City Government officials

Detailed documents expressing the respective provincial fields of interest were subsequently sent to NDRC and shared with the C1 team. Basically, the Provinces request exposure from the project on General introduction to social security policy in the EU, Monitoring and operational systems, Building IT systems for social security and fund raising, Vesting and portability of social security rights for migrant workers. They requested that knowledge sharing take the form of capacity building either in-country or abroad.



Visiting pharmaceutical company in Huizhou

Not to delay implementation of cooperative activities with the Pilot sites, it was decided by NDRC and the C1 team that the second Panel discussion, dealing inter alia with issues related to migrant workers' social security, would associate representatives from selected pilot sites in Guangdong and Sichuan provinces. It is foreseen that a further training will be provided in situ in February 2016.

Contacts with Shanghai pilot site will take place at a later stage, tentatively in February 2016, since the preferred topic for that site is Ageing, a theme at the core of proposed C1 related project activities for the year 2016 (Training in Spain) for which the advanced suggestions from Pilot site representatives will be sought.