EU-CHINA SPRP TASK FORCE ON TECHNICAL COHERENCE AND SYNERGIES - RESPONSES TO PROBLEM AREAS

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P1	Major disparities between rural and urban areas	143 Integrating Social security systems in urban and rural context	Assessment report (Wang Zeying, 2015); Study visit (Sp, Pl, Cz, 2015); Provincial analysis (Peng Haoran GD); Voc.training GD, SC (2016)	Popularisation of European coordination model; monitoring of progress made in ensuring preservation of rights in acquisition for migrant workers	n.a.			3.1.2 Governance framework for Social Assistance administration and management process	Assessment report (Zuo Ting 2016); MoCA Ministerial visit to PL (2016); Study visit to RO, CZ, PL (2016); Study visit to RO&PL (2017)	Promotion of the EU best practises on social assistance schemes on urban and rural areas; Pilots exercises will cover urban and rural areas for better understanding different approach in social assistance delivery.
		142 Income redistribution	Assessment reports (Li Shi 2016, 2017); Study visit (SF, SW 2017); Policy dialogue (F 2017)	Evidence the insufficient redistribution through social insurance and social assistance pension schemes, especially in rural areas; Evidence the redistributive or anti-redistributive effects of parametric reforms for pension schemes						C3 pilots implementation.
		124 Gender considerations	Provincial reports GD, SC (Yue Jinglun, Lin Yi, 2017)	Women in rural areas are most affected by gender-based disirimination in labour and social fields; positive actions can be taken in both areas to reverse this trend				3.1.3 Processes and activities of policy transmission and implementation carried out at central and local level of Social Assistance	Assessment report (Guo Yu 2016); MoCA Ministerial visit to PL (2016); Study visit to RO, CZ, PL (2016); Ministerial visit to IT (2017); Study visit to RO&PL (2017); Study visit to IT&BE (2017)	Sharing and promotion of the best practises from the EU countries related transmission of policy and reform from central to local level.
										C3 pilots implementation.
P2	Steady growth of ageing society	137 Ageing population and strategy to deal with	Assessment report (Dong Keyong 2016); Training course (Spain 2016); Shanghai Long Term Care (Pu Haihong 2016)	Document the ageing process in relation with its impact on the social security system; provide more information on piloting long term care schemes	2.1.3 Alternative policy measures to cope with the impact of ageing on the financial sustainability of the social security system	Assessment Report (Dong Keyong 2018); European best practice	Indications of policy measures to be adopted to cope with the problem of ageing in the fields of social assistance and social security.	3.3.1 Social Assistance for specific groups - services for children, elderly, people with disabilities, with a special focus on poor rural people	Assessment report (Zuo Ting 2015); MoCA Ministerial visit to PL (2016); Study visit to RO, CZ, PL (2016); MoCA ministerial visit to IT (2017); Study visit to RO&PL (2017)	Continuously sharing best practises from the EU countries on social services delivery including sharing public and non-profit NGOs involvement in the delivery process.
		123 Affordability of pension schemes	Assessment report (Zheng Bingwen 2016)	Recommendations towards sustainability of pension system	2.1.6 Development of Old-age Services and Long Term Care System	Assessment Report (Tang Jun 2018); European best practice, Training course (France 2017)	Recommendations on how to develop and structure the elderly care service, LTC insurance and market.			
		137 Parametric reform	Assessment report (Zhou Hong 2017); European monographs (EU + Cz, F, Ge, I, Pl, Sw, 2017); International workshop (France 2017)	Ajustment through parametric may lead to cumulative negative effect on poverty						
P3	Separate social insurance schemes, applied to different social groups	131 Pension reform for public sector	International workshop (Belgium 2015); Assessment report (Zhang Yinghua 2015)	Need for nation-wide unification; need for bridges among schemes; seek safety yield for contributors	2.1.2 Social security coverage on atypical employment: methodologies and tools of analysis and management	Assessment Report (Zhou Xiao 2016); European best practice, Training course (Italy 2016)	Indications of policy measures to be adopted to enlarge the social security coverage of atypical workers	n.a.		
		133 Universal pension schemes	Feasibility study (Qi Chuanjun 2018)	Forthcoming						
		123 Affordability of pension schemes	Report on Social insurance fund (Xiong Jun, 2016); report on affordability of pension schemes (Zheng Bingwen 2016)	Implement national pooling; use actuarial technology. Transfer assets from SOE, manage decentralized funds, improve control, improve yield	2.1.5 Social contribution collections: toward a unified system	Forthcoming	Forthcoming	3.3.1 Social Assistance for specific groups - services for children, elderly, people with disabilities, with a special focus on poor rural people	Assessment report (Zuo Ting 2015); MoCA Ministerial visit to PL (2016); Study visit to RO, CZ, PL (2016); MoCA ministerial visit to IT (2017); Study visit to RO&PL (2017)	Sharing and promotion of the best practises from the EU countries related long-term care insurance based on German experience.

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P4	Inappropriate supervision and management of the social security funds	122 Policy evaluation techniques	Report on evaluation of social security (Zheng Gongchen 2017)	There is great room for adjustments in China's pension system subject to appropriate regulatory measures Nevertheless, the absence of second and third-layer pensions would add to the pressure on the basic pension system.	2.2.2 Models and Methodologies for the Social and Economic sustainability analysis in social protection system	Assessment Report (Wang Xiaojun 2017); European best practice, Training course (Italy 2016)	Sharing practices from EU on how to choose to more suitable sustainability model and implementation; indications of policy reforms			
					2.3.1 Investment strategies of social funds and risk control methodologies	Assessment Report (Hu Jiye 2018); European best practice, Training course (France 2017)	Policy sharing and indications on the regulationa nd management of funds investment.	3.2.3 Coordination of overall social assistance resources	Assessment report (Zhang Haomiao 2017); Study visit to RO&PL (2017) ; Study visit to IT&BE (2017)	Continuously sharing best practises from the EU countries mainly on the coordination of social assistance resources including managing social assistance data base (cross-data bank) for better monitoring and evaluation of the social policy efficiency in poverty reduction and efficiency of the funds spent.
					2.3.2 The role of public finance and enterprise annuities funds in the Chinese social security system	Forthcoming	Forthcoming	3.1.4 Monitoring and evaluation of Social Assistance schemes	Assessment report (Gang Shyge 2016); Study visit to RO&PL (2017) ;	Sharing practises from the EU on monitoring and evaluation schemes in the social assistance at different levels of the implementing bodies. In addition organised social assistance data based with several data sources was presented on a few occasion (including Beijing mission of the EU experts).
P5	Weak and partial legal framework in social assistance system	n.a.			n.a.			3.2.1 Experiences on unified standards for calculation of Social Assistance benefits	Assessment report (Gang Shuge, Guo Yu 2015); MoCA Ministerial visit to PL (2016); Study visit to RO, CZ, PL (2016); Ministerial visit to IT (2017); Study visit to RO&PL (2017); Study visit to IT&BE (2017)	Sharing best practices from the EU countries related setting the standards of social assistance based on the legal provisions (part of the social assistance law in case of EU countries).
								3.2.2 Optimization of social assistance – procedures and eligibility criteria for social assistance benefits	Assessment report (Yao Jianping 2017); Study visit to RO&PL (2017)	Different procedures at urban and rural areas for Dibao application is monitored and will be specially investigate within C3 pilots exercise.
										C3 pilots implementation.
P6	Unbalanced, multi-layer social protection system	132 Social pooling	Assessment report (Song Xiaowu 2015)	Confirm Government responsibility for the system, establish reasonable RR for 1st pillar, base contributions and benefits on real wage	2.1.1Division of decision power and expenditure responsibilities on social security between central and local government	Assessment Report (Jiang Zhen 2018); European best practice	Indications on how to structure the decision power between central and local governments	n.a.		
		134 Multitier pension system	Assessment report (Dong Keyong 2015); Vocational training (France, 2015)	Distinguish anto-poerty role from replacement of past income	2.2.1 Nominal personal account reform in the basic pension insurance system	Assessment Report (Li Zhen 2016); European best practice, Training course (Italy 2016)	Sharing practices from EU countries on NDC pension reforms, and on possible models to be introduced in China.			
		113 Employment and Social security	Crisis and social security (CASS & Koen Vleminckx 2016); European background (Hocquet 2016); Assessment report (Zhang Juwei 2016); National monopraphs (B, Cz, F, I, Pl, Ro, Sp 2016)	Monitor interaction between employment promotion and social security; ensure financing and level of benefits do not contradict participation in labour market;						

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P7	Difficulty and complexity to the services delivery	111 Social insurance administration system reform.	Assessment reform (Tan Zhonghe 2015); Provincial study visit (F, CZ 2016)	Continue effort towards modernization, standardisation of management; need to upgrade computerization	n.a.			3.3.1 Social Assistance for specific groups - services for children, elderly, people with disabilities, with a special focus on poor rural people	Assessment report (Zuo Ting 2015); MoCA Ministerial visit to PL (2016); Study visit to RO, CZ, PL (2016); MoCA ministerial visit to IT (2017); Study visit to RO&PL (2017)	Sharing and promotion of the best practices from the EU countries related social services for vulnerable groups with the main focus on care services.
		122 Policy evaluation techniques	Assessment reports Evaluation of Emp. and SS policies (Yue Jinglun , Zheng Gongchen 2017); Training course (Germany 2018)	Employment: proactive policy design and coordination among different departments at the national level, articulation national - local levels, have long term goals and short term monitoring; Social security: see above, P4				3.3.2 Providing services for social assistance beneficiaries	Assessment report (Tian Rong 2018 to be delivered mid 2018); MoCA Ministerial visit to PL (2016); Study visit to RO, CZ, PL (2016); MoCA ministerial visit to IT (2017); Study visit to RO&PL (2017)	Delivering package of EU experiences including Beijing mission of EU expert mid 2018

*C3 Pilots implementation by: delivering base line reports (specific for the pilot venues); training for social asistance staff; performing pilots program specified for each of the four pilots venues; monitoring and evaluation of the pilot outputs; transfer to the central MoCA for further proceeding new reforms proposals in speficic areas of social assistance.

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3.2.1 Experiences on unified standards for calculation of Social Assistance benefits	Assessment report (Gang Shuge, Guo Yu 2015); MoCA Ministerial visit to PL (2016); Study visit to RO, CZ, PL	Sharing best practices from the EU countries related setting
3.2.2 Optimization of social assistance – procedures and eligibility criteria for social assistance benefits	Assessment report (Yao Jianping 2017); Study visit to RO&PL (2017)	Different procedures at urban and rural areas for Dibao C3 pilots implementation