

China



The collaboration between the Italian Ministry of the Environment and Energy Security (MASE) and the Chinese Ministry of the Environment began in 2000 with the launch of the ***Sino-Italian Cooperation Program for Environmental Protection (SICP)***. The program was established to promote projects aimed at environmental protection and sustainable development in China.

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CONTEXT OF THE COOPERATION



In November 2014, the visit to China by Italy's Minister of the Environment, Gian Luca Galletti, marked a significant moment in revitalizing the partnership. During the visit, a Joint Declaration was signed between the Italian Ministry of the Environment and the Chinese Ministry of the Environmental Protection, which

strengthened the cooperation on new grounds, with the support of private investments and increased involvement of companies.

In July 2024, a new memorandum for collaboration on environmental protection and climate change mitigation between Italy and China was signed in Beijing during the visit of the Italian Prime Minister, Giorgia Meloni. The new agreement between Italy's Ministry of the Environment and Energy Security (MASE) and China's Ministry of Ecology and Environment aims to strengthen bilateral cooperation on a renewed and equal basis, focusing on areas such as climate change, biodiversity protection, pollution control, and training. The partnership seeks to increase opportunities for dialogue, joint activities, and educational initiatives.

OUTCOMES



Since 2000, projects and programs have been implemented in 31 provinces, autonomous regions, and municipalities in China across the following sectors:

- Protection and conservation of natural resources (sustainable agriculture, air pollution control, water resource management, soil contamination prevention, solid waste management);
- Promotion of renewable energy sources and energy efficiency;
- Economic and technological transformation for low-emission development;
- Sustainable agriculture;
- Institutional strengthening, support for urban planning, and green building initiatives;

- Combating global climate change and its adverse effects through greater compliance with International Climate Conventions;
- Sustainable transport;
- Awareness campaigns and environmental education.