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FINLAND-CHINA JOINT INNOVATION AND MAP CALLS 2023 WITH JIANGSU AND ZHEJIANG CALL LAUNCHES

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OUTLOOK

**Business Outlook, Business Opportunities,
Regulatory Issues, Materials and Prerequisites**

BUSINESS OUTLOOK

- **China is among two largest economies in the world. Economic growth** has been the driving factor behind China's policies in the past decades.
- China's policy towards the growth has changed. Today the drive for **innovation, sustainability and more equal share of wealth** are behind the policy decisions, instead of growth only.
- **Covid period** and some **domestic structural problems** have slowed down the growth, but there is still a lot of growth potential.



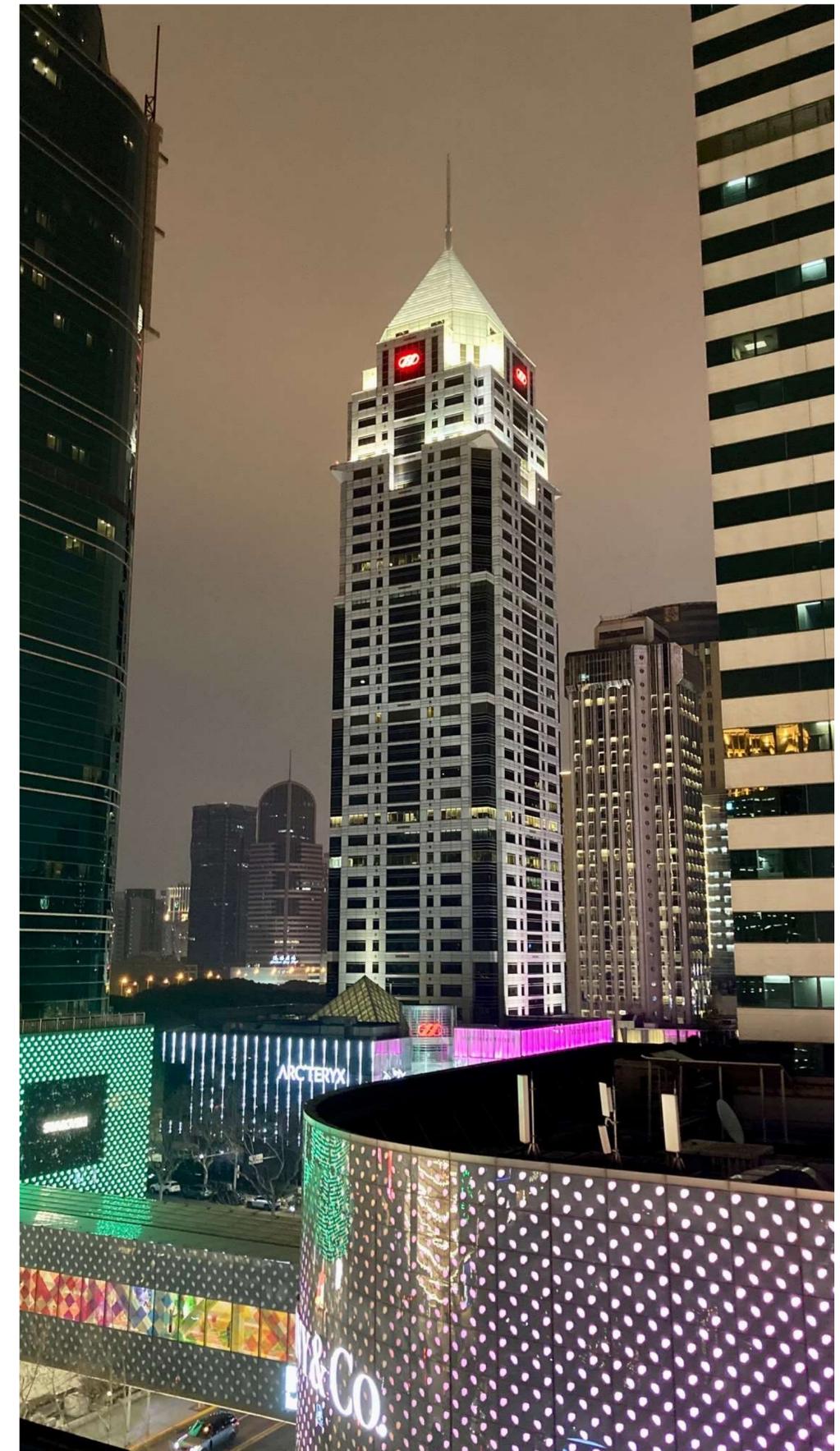
BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

- Several new industry sectors are expected to grow fast in the transition described in government's 14th 5-year plan, e.g., **carbon reduction** (including energy transition, bio- and circular economy), **health care**, **industrial digitalization**, and **sustainable consumption**.
- Foreign technologies and solutions are encouraged to enter China market in areas, where China **does not have in-house capability**. This will open up **new opportunities** for Finnish companies, but also alleviates the importance of choosing **right strategy** for market presence.



REGULATORY ISSUES

- During the past few years China has increased regulation on businesses with number of new policies. In 2017 published Cyber Security Act – and the following **data protection regulations** – have added risk and cost of operating in China, especially for foreign companies.
- Geopolitical competition between US and China continues. EU is introducing new regulations impacting European companies operating in China. **Compliance** related issues will require increased attention, and companies need to have robust **risk management processes** in place for addressing sustainability and human rights issues.



MATERIALS

- If you want to know more about China and the China market, you can check the Market Information that is available on the Business Finland pages as follows:
 - [*Doing Business in Greater China*](#)
 - [*Doing Business in Mainland China*](#)
 - [*Doing Business in HK Macao GBA*](#)
 - [*China Positioning Paper*](#)
- Useful information about IPR and the recent laws impacting both business and innovations:
 - [*IPR issues \(including trademark protection\)*](#)
 - [*Regulatory framework on data with RDI impacts*](#)
 - [*Cyber Security Law, Data Law and Personal Information Protection Law compliance in China*](#)



PREREQUISITES

- **Understand the China market**
- **Understand the opportunities**
- **Understand the impact of geopolitical issues**
- **Understand the IPR and regulatory issues**



- **What do you want to achieve?**
- **Why China – is it the right market for you?**
- **Are you ready for the China market?**
- **Are you strong enough for overseas collaboration?**



- **Good project idea and partners**
- **Discussion with Business Finland**
- **Well-prepared application**



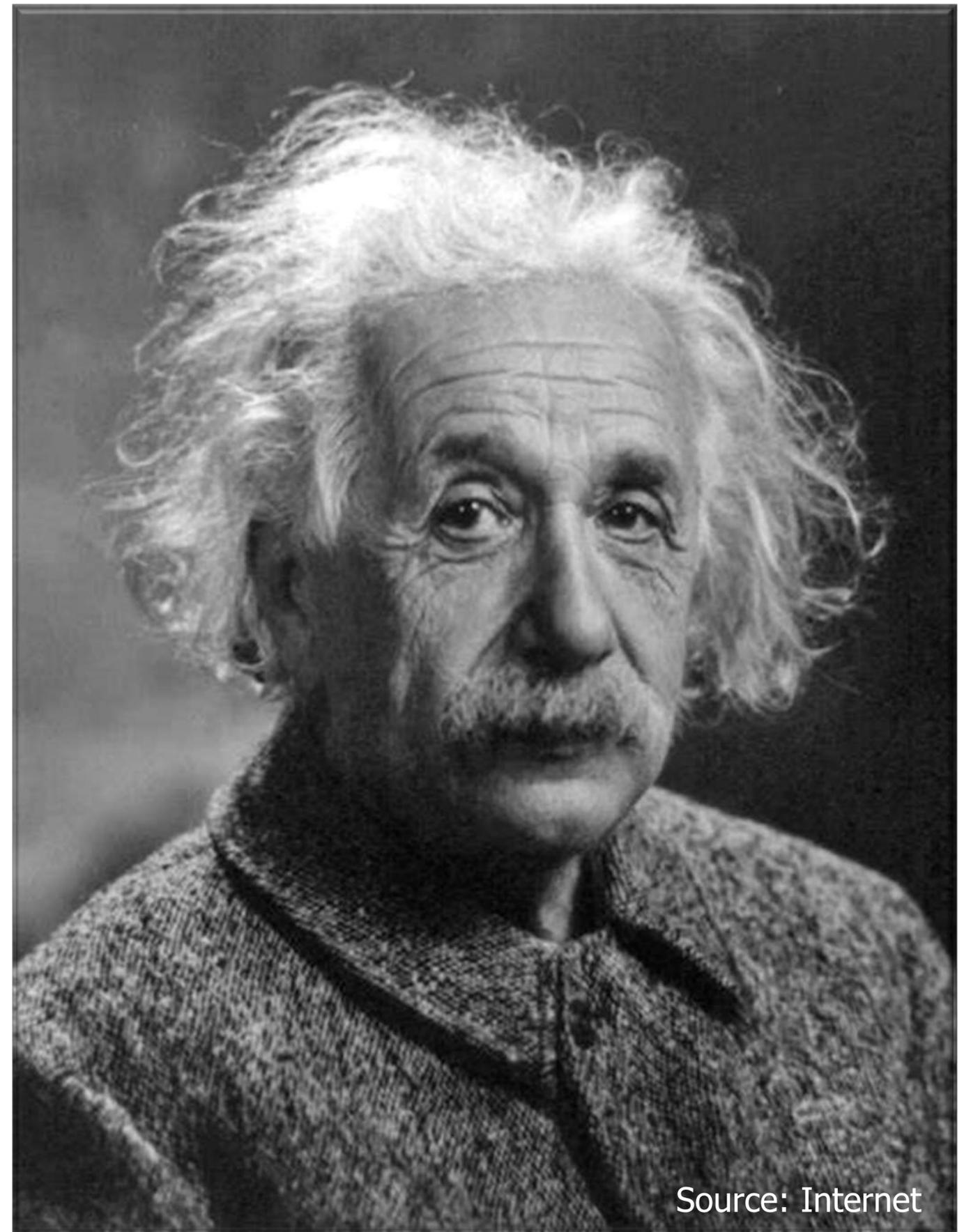


INNOVATIONS

**Why in General, Why in China, What in China,
Why Finland and Collaboration**

***“If you always do what
you always did, you
will always get
what you always got.”
(Albert Einstein)***

**Innovations → Renewal,
Transformation and Competitiveness**



“China must rely on innovation-driven growth model.”

“China aims to bring carbon emissions to a peak by 2030, and achieve carbon neutrality by 2060 with more forceful policies and measures.”

(Xi Jinping)



Sustainability

Environment



**EFFICIENT.
SUSTAINABLE.
CLEAN. SMART.**



Growth

Smart Solutions

FINLAND IS ONE OF THE GREENEST COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD

The Environmental Performance Index 2016-2020

FINLAND IS THE BEST IN INNOVATION



THE BEST
university –
industry research
collaboration
in the world *1

THE BEST
primary
education
in the world *2

THE BEST
in the availability
of scientists and
engineers *4

3RD BEST
economic
environment for
business growth
in the world *5

THE BEST
business
environment
in the world *1

THE BEST
destination
in EU for
international
business
expansion *3

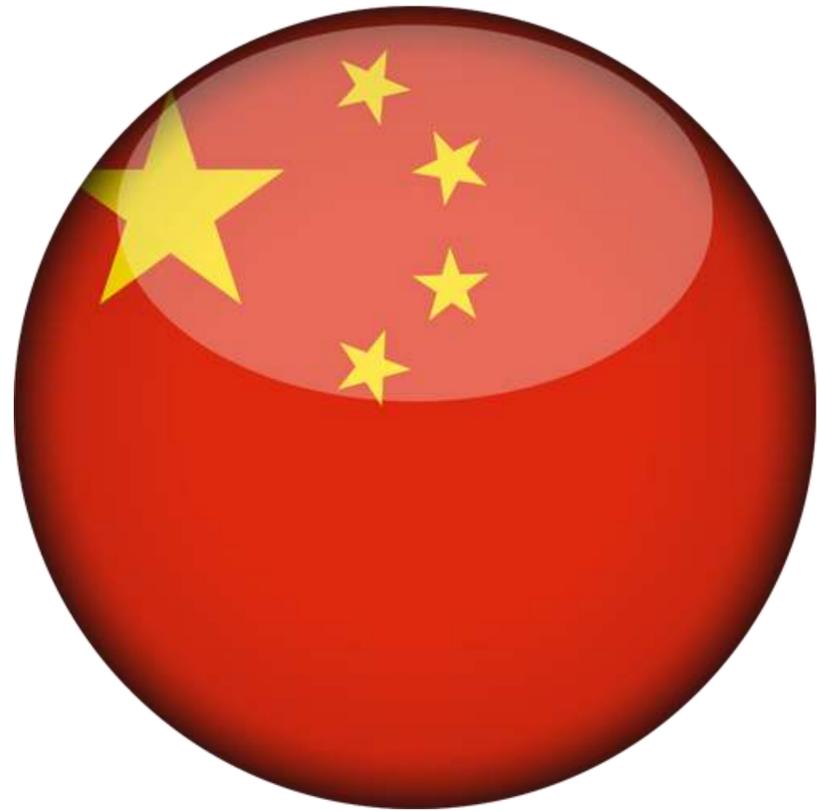
3RD MOST
professionals
working in
research and
development,
relative to the
population *6

THE BEST
in the
world in
innovation *4

THE BEST
in the availability of
latest technologies
*4

5TH BEST
English skills
among the
adults in
the world *7

1 Global Innovation Index 2016 / 2 World Economic Forum, The Global Competitiveness Report 2016-2017 / 3 FDI attractiveness scoreboard, Copenhagen Economics 2016
4 World Economic Forum Global Competitiveness Report 2017-2018 / 5 Grant Thornton, Global Dynamism Index 2015 / 6 Bloomberg, Bloomberg 2017 Innovation Index
7 Education First (EF), The world's largest ranking of countries by English skills / 8 The Consumer Technology Association (CTA)™ 2018



**Needs + Competencies + Innovations + Collaboration =
Solutions**





FINLAND-CHINA JOINT INNOVATION CALLS AND INNOVATION COLLABORATION

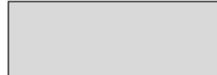
[China](#) » [China Innovation](#)

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CHINA COLLABORATION FRAMEWORKS

MoU/Finland	MoU/China	Contents
Business Finland	Ministry of Science and Technology of China (MOST)	S&T collaboration Joint innovation calls
Business Finland	Jiangsu Science and Technology Department	S&T collaboration Joint innovation calls
Business Finland	Zhejiang Science and Technology Department	S&T collaboration Joint innovation calls
Business Finland	Science and Technology Commission of Shanghai Municipality	S&T collaboration Joint innovation calls
Business Finland	Tsinghua University, Beijing (FinLab)	Market Access MAP program calls
Business Finland	Fudan University, Shanghai (iLab)	Market Access MAP program calls

Yangtze River Delta

 = nation-wide  = provincial

ANNUAL CLOCK OF CALLS IN 2023

Calls	Call opened	Call deadline	Results due (estimate)
YRD-Shanghai (province)	February 14	April 28	August (2023)
YRD-Jiangsu (province)	March 22	September 22	January (2024)
YRD-Zhejiang (province)	March 22	September 22	January (2024)
MOST (national)	June 15	Nov/Dec (earliest Nov 24)	Jun-Aug (2024)
MAP-Tsinghua	Open (June 15)	October 27	Dec (2023)/Jan (2024)
MAP-Fudan	Open (June 15)	October 27	Dec (2023)/Jan (2024)

 = joint innovation calls

 = Market Access Program (MAP) calls

ELIGIBILITY/INNOVATION CALLS (1/2)

Country	MOST	YRD-Shanghai	YRD-Jiangsu	YRD-Zhejiang
Finland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> individual company registered in Finland co-innovation project (*) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> individual company registered in Finland 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> individual company registered in Finland 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> individual company registered in Finland
China	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> company (**) university (**) institute (**) + consortium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> individual company registered in Shanghai 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> individual company registered in Jiangsu 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> individual company registered in Zhejiang
Remarks	(*) either (a) two or more Finnish companies or (b) at least three Finnish companies (at least two applying Business Finland funding) and one or more research organizations; all registered in Finland (**) as the leading partner, the consortium may include other partners; all registered in China			

NOTE: In all the Finland-China joint innovation calls, **normal Business Finland eligibility criteria** are applied: <https://www.businessfinland.fi/en/for-finnish-customers/services/funding/>

ELIGIBILITY/INNOVATION CALLS (2/2)

#	Specific Finland-China joint call requirements
1	Joint project consortia must include one Finnish partner and one Chinese partner . In the provincial/municipal calls, only individual companies from both countries can apply. MOST calls also allow co-innovation projects (Finland) and project consortia (China) to participate.
2	The joint industrial R&D&I projects must be highly innovative and business oriented .
3	The proposals should demonstrate applicant's resources for international collaboration , in case of the Finnish applicants especially for entering the Chinese markets .
4	The proposal should demonstrate the contribution of the participants from both countries and the project must be balanced between participants and be significant to all partners.
5	The project partners should agree in advance on the IP rights and on the commercialization strategy of the product or process.
6	The proposal must include a Bilateral Cooperation Form with a joint Finland-China project plan, clearly describing the main contents and objectives of the project as well as the roles of each partner.

FUNDING/INNOVATION CALLS

Country	MOST	YRD-Shanghai	YRD-Jiangsu	YRD-Zhejiang
Finland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • normal funding principles • 40-50% grants (* • 50-70% loans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • normal funding principles • 40-50% grants • 50-70% loans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • normal funding principles • 40-50% grants • 50-70% loans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • normal funding principles • 40-50% grants • 50-70% loans
China	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOST principles • 50% grants (1:1) • Max 3-5M RMB/project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shanghai principles • 33% grants (1:2) • Max 1M RMB/project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jiangsu principles • 50% grants (1:1) • Max 1.5M RMB/project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zhejiang principles • 20% grants (1:4) • Max 1.5M RMB/project
Remarks	(* 70-80% for research organizations in co-innovation projects)			

NOTE: In all the Finland-China joint innovation calls, **normal Business Finland funding principles** are applied: <https://www.businessfinland.fi/en/for-finnish-customers/services/funding/>

SUBMISSIONS/INNOVATION CALLS

Country	MOST	YRD-Shanghai	YRD-Jiangsu	YRD-Zhejiang
Finland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Finland (* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Finland 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Finland 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Finland
China	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOST (* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shanghai S&T Commission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jiangsu S&T Department 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zhejiang S&T Department
Remarks	(* Business Finland – MOST joint innovation calls had in 2022 temporarily a 2-phase application process, but from 2023 onwards the process is back to 1-phase (directly the final application)			

NOTE: In the Finland-China joint innovation calls, normal Business Finland submission system is used: <https://www.businessfinland.fi/en/for-finnish-customers/online-services/>

FUNDING AND SUBMISSIONS/MAP

Funding	Instruments	Funding principles	MAP application	Funding application
Cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15.000 eur (Business Finland support possible, but is not mandatory for participation) 			
De minimis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market Explorer (>5yrs) • Tempo (<5yrs) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • normal de minimis funding principles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ask the form from and send it to the Business Finland MAP contact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • send a normal digital Business Finland funding application (with MAP application)
R&D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Included in an R&D or YIC/NIY project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • normal funding principles 		

NOTE: More information about MAP program on [Tsinghua FinLab page](#) and [Fudan iLab page](#); about funding on <https://www.businessfinland.fi/en/for-finnish-customers/services/funding/> and submissions on <https://www.businessfinland.fi/en/for-finnish-customers/online-services/>

ACTIONS (1/2)

Q	Action
Q1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Advising/coaching of the projects</i>• <u>Annual Clock of 2023 Finland-China Innovation calls and Finland-Shanghai Innovation Call Launch 2023 on 14.2.2023</u>• <u>Jiangsu and Zhejiang Innovation Calls Launching Webinar with Annual Clock of 2023 Finland-China Innovation Calls on 22.3.2023</u>
Q2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Advising/coaching of the projects</i>• Finland-Jiangsu Matchmaking Hybrid Event in May-June, 2023• Finland-Zhejiang Matchmaking Hybrid Event in May-June, 2023• MOST Innovation and MAP Calls Launching Webinar on 15.6.2023• <i>Application submissions (Shanghai)</i>

ACTIONS (2/2)

Q	Action
Q3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Advising/coaching of the projects</i>• MOST Innovation Call Matchmaking Hybrid Event in September, 2023• <i>Application submissions (Jiangsu, Zhejiang)</i>
Q4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Advising/coaching of the projects</i>• <i>Application submissions (MOST, MAP Fudan, MAP Tsinghua)</i>



LAUNCH: JIANGSU INNOVATION CALL

**Joint funding for Finland-China R&D collaboration projects with
Business Finland and Jiangsu Science and Technology Department**

JIANGSU INNOVATION CALL (1/3)

OPEN

Innovation Call	Call opened	Call deadline	Results due (estimate)
YRD-Jiangsu	March 22	September 22	January (2024)

Topic	Details
Number of projects to be funded	Not strictly limited
Funding available	China: 1.5M RMB/project, 1:1 (50%), grants Finland: not fixed, 40-50% grants, 50-70% loans
Eligibility	China: individual company registered in Jiangsu (due 31 December 2021) Finland: individual company registered in Finland
Remarks	1-phase application

JIANGSU INNOVATION CALL (2/3)

OPEN

Topic
Carbon Reduction
Health
Industrial Digitalisation
Circular Economy
Other fields both sides agree to fund

JIANGSU INNOVATION CALL (3/3)

OPEN

Innovation Call	Call opened	Call deadline	Results due (estimate)
YRD-Jiangsu	March 22	September 22	August

Topic	Details
Project Plan	Use Business Finland's submission system
Bilateral Cooperation Form	BF-Jiangsu Bilateral Cooperation Form 2023 (note: input <u>only non-confidential information</u> especially in Parts 2.2-2.5 and 4)
IPR	Include remarks into Bilateral Cooperation Form; a more comprehensive IPR agreement can be made separately; consider a Consortium Agreement, if needed
Remarks	Send the application using Business Finland's submission system: https://www.businessfinland.fi/en/for-finnish-customers/online-services/



LAUNCH: ZHEJIANG INNOVATION CALL

**Joint funding for Finland-China R&D collaboration projects with
Business Finland and Zhejiang Provincial Department of Science and Technology**

ZHEJIANG INNOVATION CALL (1/3)

OPEN

Innovation Call	Call opened	Call deadline	Results due (estimate)
YRD-Zhejiang	March 22	September 22	January (2024)

Topic	Details
Number of projects to be funded	Not strictly limited
Funding available	China: 1.5M RMB/project, 1:4 (20%), grants Finland: not fixed, 40-50% grants, 50-70% loans
Eligibility	China: individual company registered in Zhejiang Finland: individual company registered in Finland
Remarks	1-phase application

ZHEJIANG INNOVATION CALL (2/3)

OPEN

Topic
Carbon Reduction
Health
Industrial Digitalisation
Circular Economy
Other fields both sides agree to fund

ZHEJIANG INNOVATION CALL (3/3)

OPEN

Innovation Call	Call opened	Call deadline	Results due (estimate)
YRD-Zhejiang	March 22	September 22	August

Topic	Details
Project Plan	Use Business Finland's submission system
Bilateral Cooperation Form	BF-Zhejiang Bilateral Cooperation Form 2023 (note: input <u>only non-confidential information</u> especially in Parts 2.2-2.5 and 4)
IPR	Include remarks into Bilateral Cooperation Form; a more comprehensive IPR agreement can be made separately; consider a Consortium Agreement, if needed
Remarks	Send the application using Business Finland's submission system: https://www.businessfinland.fi/en/for-finnish-customers/online-services/



FORMS

**Bilateral Cooperation Forms related to Jiangsu and Zhejiang calls
Optional Consortium Agreement (mandatory in the MOST call)**

BILATERAL COOPERATION FORM (1/2)

1. General Information

1.1 Project Title

1.2 Project Summary

1.3 Main Technological Area of the Project

1.4 Participants (Organization Name, Country, Role, Contribution, Budget, Duration)

1.5 Project Timescale (Start Date, End Date)

2. Project outline

2.1 Project Description

2.2 Technological Development Envisaged (Level of innovation)

2.3 Market Potential and Commercialization Plan

2.4 Cooperation Between Participants (synergies, particular advantages, etc.)

2.5 Expected Outcome of Project

2.6 IP Ownership Arrangements



BILATERAL COOPERATION FORM (2/2)

3. Work Plan (Chinese Participant)

4. Work Plan (Finnish Participant)

4.1 Participant Contact Details

4.2 Work Description and Contributions to the Project

4.3 Work Plan and Timeline

4.4 Budget and Resources

4.5 Other Sources of Financial Support Related to Proposed Research

4.6 IP Ownership Arrangements

Signatures



CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT (EXAMPLE)

Partners (main partners from both sides)

- 1. Intent/Coverage (apply/run project)**
- 2. Composition of the Consortium**
- 3. Research Contents (summary)**
- 4. Task Allocation/Work Packages (short)**
- 5. Budget (general remarks)**
- 6. Ownership of IPR**
- 7. Ownersip of Assets**
- 8. Confidentiality (i.e. NDA)**
- 9. Liability (willful actions/negligence)**
- 10. Supplementary Statements**
- 11. Validity Period (until end of project)**
- 12. Signatures (main partners)**

Example:

Each party shall have their full ownership of their respective intellectual property rights which were obtained before application for this cooperation project as well as the resulted interests, and the intellectual property ownership shall not be altered because of application for this Cooperation Project.

Scientific and technological achievements as well as the resulting intellectual property solely conceived and/or developed by one party during the course of this Cooperation Project shall be owned by that party. Scientific and technological achievements as well as the resulting intellectual property jointly conceived and/or developed by multiple parties will be jointly owned by those parties.



OTHER CALLS

Already launched calls in 2023: Shanghai joint innovation call

Coming calls in 2023: MOST joint innovation call

SHANGHAI INNOVATION CALL (1/3)

OPEN

Innovation Call	Call opened	Call deadline	Results due (estimate)
YRD-Shanghai	February 14	April 28	August

Topic	Details
Number of projects to be funded	Max 5
Funding available	China: 1M RMB/project, 5M RMB in total, 1:2 (33%), grants Finland: not fixed, 40-50% grants, 50-70% loans
Eligibility	China: individual company registered in Shanghai Finland: individual company registered in Finland
Remarks	1-phase application

SHANGHAI INNOVATION CALL (2/3)

OPEN

Topic	Details
Carbon Reduction	Also including Energy , and Bio and Circular Economy area; for example, distributed and flexible power systems, district and industrial heating & cooling, bioenergy and waste to power, sustainable packaging, sustainable construction, and textile & plastic recycling
Health	Also including Digital Services and Solutions ; for example, agetech, early diagnosis, and digital assisted wellbeing
Industrial Digitalisation	Also including Digital Transformation ; for example, terminal automation, digital solutions for metal & machinery industry, intelligent connected vehicle, sensor and data process solutions, digital ports, and green and smart ships

SHANGHAI INNOVATION CALL (3/3)

OPEN

Innovation Call	Call opened	Call deadline	Results due (estimate)
YRD-Shanghai	February 14	April 28	August

Topic	Details
Project Plan	Use Business Finland's submission system
Bilateral Cooperation Form	BF-Shanghai Bilateral Cooperation Form 2023 (note: input <u>only non-confidential information</u> especially in Parts 2.2-2.5 and 4)
IPR	Include remarks into Bilateral Cooperation Form; a more comprehensive IPR agreement can be made separately; consider a Consortium Agreement, if needed
Remarks	Send the application using Business Finland's submission system: https://www.businessfinland.fi/en/for-finnish-customers/online-services/

SNEAK PEAK TO COMING CALLS

MOST (initial; launch 15.6.2023):

1. Carbon Reduction
2. Health
3. Industrial Digitalisation
4. Circular Economy

The MOST call will initially integrate partially last year's topics Smart and Green Energy | Mobility | Industries and Health & Agetech under the new topics.

Note: The call topics on this page are subject to change for the final call text!

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INNOVATIONS AND CHINA

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ADVICE AND INSTRUCTIONS



ARE YOU READY FOR CHINA?

Market understanding?
Regulation? Resources?

ARE YOU READY FOR CHINA?

“The proposals should **demonstrate applicant’s resources for international collaboration**, in case of the Finnish applicants especially for **entering the Chinese markets.**”

Ask from yourself:

Do you want to **enter** the China market or to **expand** in China?

Do you know enough about Chinese **market** and **regulation**?

Do you have enough **resources** for 2-3 years **to do R&D** collaboration abroad?

Do you have enough **resources to do business** at the same time?

Is the collaboration topic or the partner something that can bring **added value**?

Would some **other** Business Finland support be more suitable at this moment?

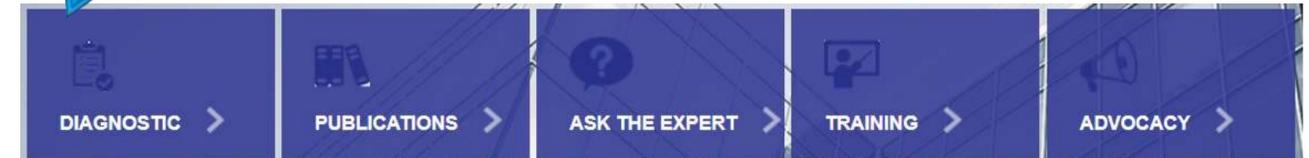
ARE YOU READY FOR CHINA?

SELF-DIAGNOSIS TOOL

An online self-diagnosis tool that allows you to gauge your readiness in developing your business strategy in China.



Example tool for help



The **Self-Diagnosis Tool** aims to assist European SMEs to make a prior assessment of their readiness to develop their presence on the Chinese market, and whether they are heading in the right direction. It will also provide further guidance and support through a tailored made list of good practises, additional resources, case studies and FAQs.

<https://www.eusmecentre.org.cn/quiz>

Getting started

Is there a market for my product?

Am I allowed to sell my goods in China?

How do you plan to enter the Chinese market?

How much work have you done already?

Assessment



ARE YOU READY FOR CHINA?

If you do not know enough about the Chinese market or the related regulation, first consider e.g. Business Finland's **Market Explorer funding** in order to do a survey or at least consult Business Finland. Alternatively, you might want to apply for **Market Access Program (MAP)** via Tsinghua or Fudan universities.

If you are not yet strong enough, first grow in Finland (maybe with **Business Finland's Tempo and RDI funding**) and/or consider first expanding to a closer/easier market.



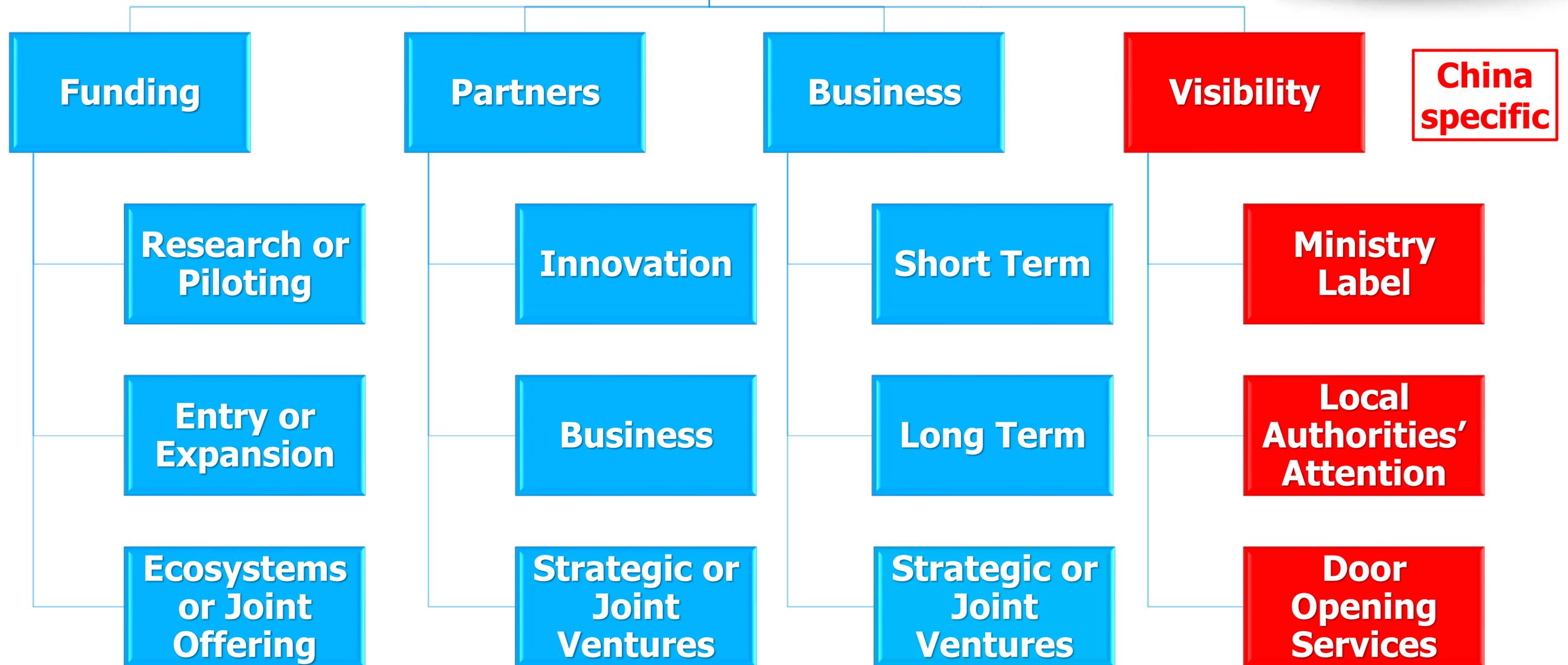
THINK WANT YOU WANT

Entry/expansion? R&D?

Partners? Customers?

JOINT INNOVATION CALLS IN CHINA

Joint Innovation Calls



PROJECT EXAMPLES

- 1. Pilot solutions** in the markets with potential customers
- 2. Join competencies/know-how** in order to create something new
- 3. Contribute to standardisation** (pave the way to markets)
- 4. Contribute to regulation** (create favourable business environment)
- 5. Join forces for strategic planning**
- 6. Open markets** in new business verticals with new players
- 7. Learn to understand each other** and/or the market for future business
- 8. Do normal innovation collaboration** as in Finland



CONSULT BUSINESS FINLAND

One should consult Business Finland before submitting the application

One can consult Business Finland at any time during the preparation process

BUSINESS FINLAND SERVICES

- Internationalization Services
- Funding Services

Basic Services

Internationalization Advice

- Market selection and validation
- Defining market entry model
- Local problem solving
- Local renewal and growth plan

Market Information and Contacts

- Market specific information
- Expert and service provider search
- Meet the Buyer
- TF Market Opportunities
- Team Finland Visits/Delegations

Funding

- Tempo
- Market Explorer
- R&D
- Co-Innovation
- Advice for EU funding

Specific Services

- Localizing and validating the product offering
- Local way of contracting and negotiating

- Joint offering
- Trade fair services
- International business programs (GAP, MAP, etc.)
- Accelerators abroad
- Soft landing services
- Finnish suppliers
- "Meet the Network / Grow Your Network"
- European Enterprise Network EEN
- European programs (Eureka, Eurostars, Cost)
- Future Watch
- Dealflow.fi
- Shipping handbook
- Publications, guides

- Innovation voucher
- Exhibition Explorer
- Talent Explorer
- Group Explorer
- Into
- NIY
- Research to business
- Co-creation, Co-research
- Innovative Public procurements
- Growth Engine
- Testbed
- Energy aid
- Material audit
- Innovation aid for shipbuilding
- Production incentive for audiovisual industry

Thematic

Programs

Ecosystems

BF SERVICES IN CHINA

China



Advice &
Networks

Market
Insight and
Opportunities

Matchmaking

Door Opening

Market Access
Program
(MAP)

Fudan

Tsinghua

(Soft)
Landing

FinChi

Nordic
Innovation
House (HK)

(Accelerators)

Funding

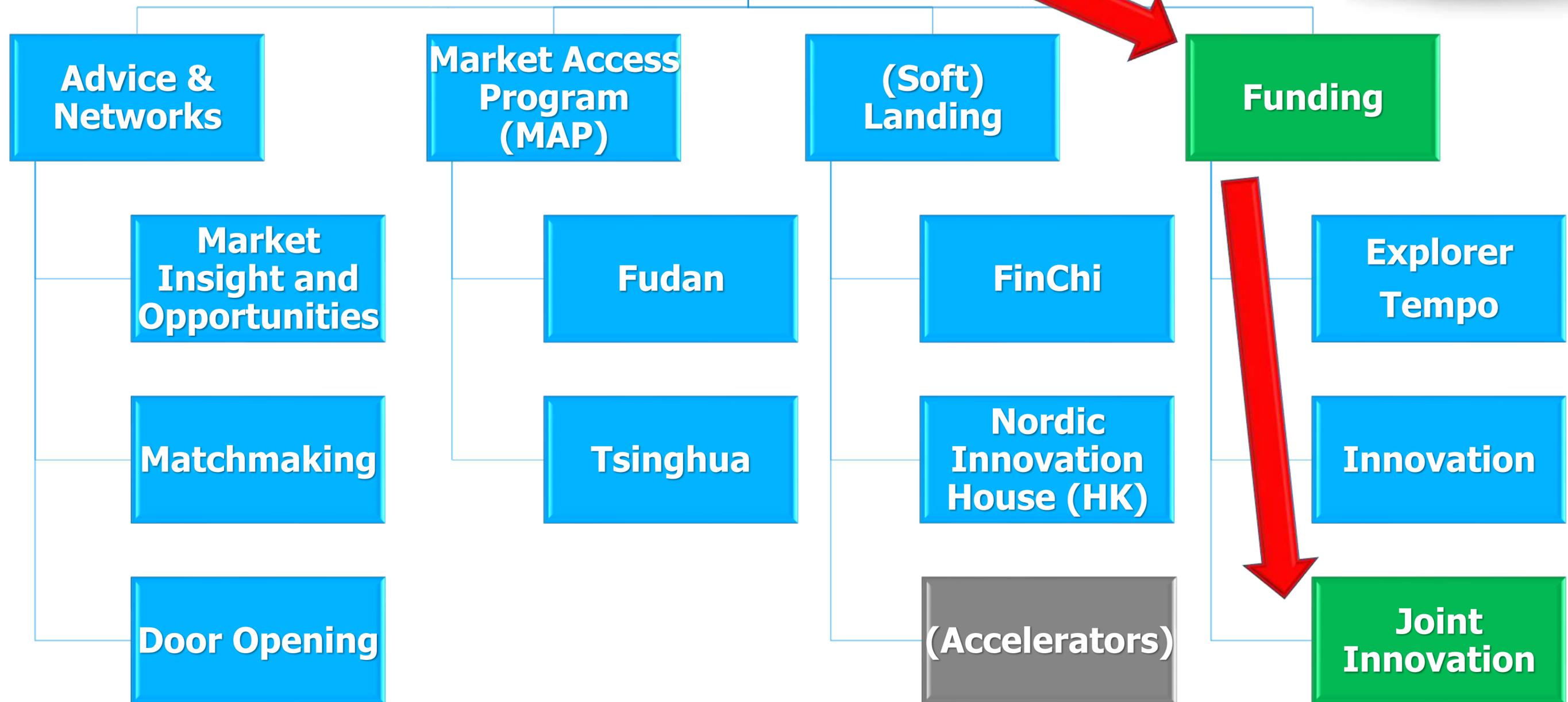
Explorer
Tempo

Innovation

Joint
Innovation

BF SERVICES IN CHINA

China





IPR

IPR systems in Europe and China are different

Get familiar with the China IPR system and protect your rights

China IP SME Helpdesk

A first line IP assistance service for European SMEs that operate or intend to access the China market and that aim to improve their global competitiveness.

Do you have a question about IP?

Submit your question and receive an answer from our IP experts within 3 working days – and it's free of charge!

[Ask us](#) >

The **China IP SME Helpdesk** supports European Union (EU) Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) to both protect and enforce their Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) in or relating to China.

https://intellectual-property-helpdesk.ec.europa.eu/regional-helpdesks/china-ipr-sme-helpdesk_en

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IP Tools

IP Helpdesk tools are free services designed to guide EU SMEs in IP related cost management and to assess IP management readiness and maturity.

[Diagnostic tool](#)

[IP cost tool](#)

Managing IP in China

IP can be complex and difficult to understand. Use the links here to get an introduction to the various aspects of doing business that are closely linked to intellectual property.

[About Managing IP](#)



MATCHMAKINGS

Seminars, webinars or hybrid events

High visibility – good promotion

MATCHMAKINGS

Remarks:

- Earlier **seminars**, nowadays also **webinars** or **hybrid events**
- Potentially **high visibility** to a large audience with thousands of people
- Good way to **promote yourself** even if it would not lead to any project

Examples from years 2020-2021:

- BF, MOST and several provinces jointly present
- 30-40 Finnish and Chinese organizations
- More than 24.000/72.000(!) viewers

Examples from year 2022:

- Separate matchmakings, 30-40 organizations
- Several thousands of participants altogether





CHECKLIST AND COMMON MISTAKES

Main things to remember when preparing applications

Remember to consult Business Finland during the preparation process

CHECKLIST

I

- 1. Carefully read the call text (incl. eligibility, funding and submission information)**
- 2. Consider are you ready for China (resources, market understanding, regulation)**
- 3. Think what you really want and need (market entry, partners, customers, R&D)**

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II

- 4. Prepare an initial project idea/plan with content, objectives, resources and budget**
- 5. Identify what competencies/contributions you need from the Chinese partner(s)**
- 6. Come to discuss with Business Finland (your Account Manager at Business Finland or any of the call contacts)**

III

- 7. Initially check the IPR issues and protect your trademark, products, etc. if needed**
- 8. Participate matchmakings and identify potential partners**
- 9. Create a joint plan and improve your own plans (consult Business Finland)**
- 10. Consider jointly and individually whether to go for a submission**

IV

- 11. Finalize the needed documents and agreements (incl. IPR) for the submission – check that all requirements are completed (consult Business Finland)**
- 12. Make the submission on time**

COMMON MISTAKES

- 1. Business Finland is not contacted and consulted**
 - Early enough or at all
- 2. Eligibility criteria are not carefully checked**
 - E.g., from the Finnish side research organizations cannot apply alone in the MOST calls
- 3. Applicants are not strong enough for China market**
 - In co-innovation projects this might mean that entire project is not eligible
- 4. Objectives and export targets are not ambitious enough**
 - Export factor 20-30 is required according to normal Business Finland requirements
- 5. Applicants are not aware of the China market**
 - Unrealistic plans not taking into account, e.g., regulation or competition
- 6. Attachments are missing**
 - E.g., in the MOST calls the Bilateral Cooperation Form and/or Consortium Agreement is missing **(NOTE: This is a critical issue on the China side!)**



CONTACTS

Business Finland advisors can help you in both practical application preparation and funding matters, but also in finding partners and in advising/coaching the application contents



FINLAND-CHINA JOINT INNOVATION CALLS AND INNOVATION COLLABORATION

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