



Portugal's Belt & Road Think Thank



NSRF Newsletter

NEW SILK ROAD FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Events NSRF

From January 2021 to June 2021

2nd Edition Winter-Crash Course: CHINA

On February 23, Professor Fernanda Ilhéu participated, through Zoom platform, in the 2nd Edition Winter-Crash Course: CHINA, organized by the Center for Studies of the International Relations Course (CECRI) of the University of Minho, with the communication "Chinese companies in the international economy".



Tea & Yin Yang: Tune into a Balanced Life - Workshop

On April 9, through Zoom platform, the NSRF organized a workshop prepared by Professor Zhu Li, now at the University of Tianjin, about tea ceremonial, health benefits and how to prepare it.



7th Session of the Rotas a Oriente Conference Cycle of the University of Aveiro

On April 23, Professor Fernanda Ilhéu and the NSRF associate and master's student Dr.^a Joana Campos, participated in the 7th session of the Rotas a Oriente Conference Cycle of the University of Aveiro, through Zoom platform, with the communication "Cooperation between Portugal and China in the Industrialization of the Portuguese-speaking African countries, under the BRI".



Public Governance Between the East and the West in the Post-Pandemic Era

On April 30, the NSRF co-organized with the EU-China Commission, the event "Public Governance Between the East and the West in the Post-Pandemic Era", via Zoom platform. The event was attended by Dr. Herman Van Rompuy – President Emeritus of the European Council, Dr. José Duarte Jesus, Professor Fernanda Ilhéu, Arch. Leonor Janeiro, Dr. Ante Simonic, Dr. George Pippas, Professor Ben Derudder, Dr Piet Steel, Professor Joern-Carsten Gottwald and Dr. António Félix Pontes.



1st CPLP Business Summit

On May 6, Professor Fernanda Ilhéu was invited to participate in the 1st CPLP Business Summit, in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea with the communication “Education for Entrepreneurship”.



Cooperation Protocol between NSRF and Business Confederation of the Business Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries

On May 6, in representation of NSRF, Professor Fernanda Ilhéu signed in Malabo, during the 1st CPLP Business Summit, a Cooperation Protocol with the Business Confederation of the Business Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries, at this ceremony represented by her President Dr. Salimo Abdula and Vice President Dr. Nelma Pontes.



Health and Wellbeing New Silk Road Conference

The NSRF co-organized with the University of Aveiro, on May 27th, the conference Health and Wellbeing New Silk Road. The event had physical presence in the Rectory of the University of Aveiro, and via online through Zoom platform.



Cooperation Protocol between NSRF and University of Aveiro

On May 27, in representation of NSRF, Professor Fernanda Ilhéu signed, in Aveiro, a Cooperation Protocol with the University of Aveiro, represented by his Rector, Professor Paulo Jorge Ferreira.



Cooperation Protocol between NSRF and Penacova City Council

On May 28, in representation of NSRF, Professor Fernanda Ilhéu signed, in Penacova, a Cooperation Protocol with the Penacova City Council, represented by his President, Dr. Humberto José Oliveira.





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China Trade Balance with the World

China, in 2020, registered a trade surplus of USD 535 billion, having increased USD 25 billion compared to 2016 and USD 105 billion compared to 2019.

Year	Exportation (USD Bi)	Importation (USD Bi)
2016	2,1	1,6
2017	2,3	1,8
2018	2,5	2,1
2019	2,5	2,1
2020	2,6	2,1

Source: AICEP

China Trade Balance with Portugal

China was the 15th customer of Portuguese exports of goods in 2020, with a share of 1.1% in total, occupying the 6th position in terms of imports (4.5%). Over the period 2016-2020 there was an average annual decrease in exports of 2.9% and a growth of 14.2% in imports. The balance of trade in goods was unfavorable to Portugal, having presented a deficit of 2 500 million euros in 2020.

Year	Exportation (€ mM)	Importation (€ mM)
2016	0,7	1,8
2017	0,8	2,1
2018	0,7	2,3
2019	0,6	3
2020	0,6	3,1

Source: AICEP

Merkel and Macron support ratification of investment agreement with China

The Chancellor of Germany, Angela Merkel, and the President of France, Emmanuel Macron, supported the ratification of the investment protection agreement between China and the European Union, in a videoconference with Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping.

Source: DinheiroVivo

China-Portugal relationship

Portuguese Ambassador to China, José Augusto Duarte, says for the two countries, materialistic gain is not as important as having common understanding.

Source: CGTN

China-EU Cooperation

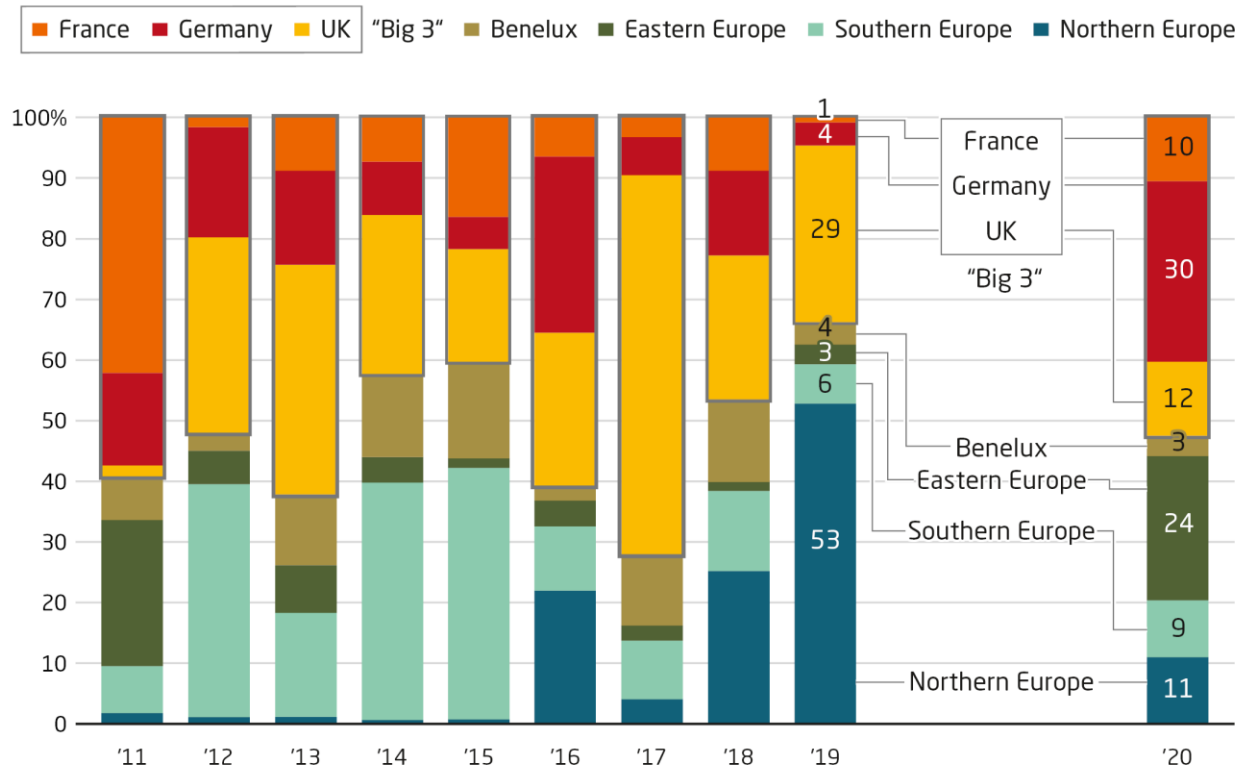
The Chinese leader called for "mutual respect", a "search for common interests" and the "proper management" of differences, so that ties between China and Europe can be developed.

Source: Observador

Chinese FDI in Europe: 2020 Update

Completed Chinese FDI in the EU-27 and UK by country group, 2011-2020

Percent share



Source: Rhodium Group. "Benelux" includes Belgium, Netherlands, and Luxembourg. "Eastern Europe" includes Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia. "Southern Europe" includes Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Slovenia, and Spain. "Northern Europe" includes Estonia, Denmark, Finland, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, and Sweden.

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