

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF FLANDERS ADMINISTRATIONS
AND
TAIWAN

THE GOVERNMENT OF FLANDERS ADMINISTRATIONS and TAIWAN both hereafter referred to as "the Participants";

Acting in the spirit of partnership and cooperation;
With a view to further strengthening and developing their mutual relations;
With the aim of developing technical cooperation on a wide range of matters;
On the basis of the friendship links and the cooperation already existing between them;

HAVE COME TO THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDING:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE AND AREAS OF COOPERATION

§1. This Memorandum of Understanding aims to establish the basis for a cooperative relationship to encourage technical bilateral cooperation between the Participants. It describes the areas of cooperation and the modalities of organisation in order to achieve this objective.

§2. The Participants will encourage cooperation in the following fields:

- 1° environmental policy;
- 2° innovation and clean technologies;
- 3° business and investment.

§3. Other areas of cooperation may be decided upon later by the Participants.

SECTION 2. ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

§1. The Participants decide that their cooperation on environmental policy issues will focus in particular on:

- 1° renewable energy, sustainable energy and energy efficiency;
- 2° green economy and clean technologies.

§2. From the side of the Government of Flanders, the partners involved in this cooperation are:

- 1° Flanders Department of Environment, Nature and Energy;
- 2° Flemish Energy Agency.

§3. From the side of Taiwan, the partners involved in this cooperation are:

- 1° Environmental Protection Administration;
- 2° Bureau of Energy, Ministry of Economic Affairs.

SECTION 3. INNOVATION AND CLEAN TECHNOLOGIES

§1. The Participants decide that their cooperation on clean technologies will focus in particular on development of new and renewable energy technologies.

§2. From the side of the Government of Flanders, the partners involved in this cooperation are:

- 1° Flanders Department of Economy, Science and Innovation;
- 2° Flanders Cleantech Association;
- 3° VITO (Flemish Institution for Technological Research).

§3. From the side of Taiwan, the partners involved in this cooperation are:

- 1° Bureau of Energy, Ministry of Economic Affairs;
- 2° Taiwan Power Company;
- 3° ITRI (Industrial Technology Research institute).

SECTION 4. BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT

§1. Both participants are committed to enhancing and promoting the trade relations between Flanders and Taiwan. For that purpose, they intend to exchange information regarding business and investment opportunities. Ad hoc, and at the request of the other Participant, they can also exchange information regarding its market and sectors, useful contacts, experiences and knowledge concerning promotion of international entrepreneurship.

§2. Both participants intend to strengthen their cooperation in the field of investments.

§3. From the side of the Government of Flanders, the partners involved in this cooperation are:

- 1° Flanders Department of Foreign Affairs;
- 2° Flanders Investment and Trade.

§4. From the side of Taiwan, the partners involved in this cooperation are:

- 1° Bureau of Energy, Ministry of Economic Affairs;
- 2° Department of Investment Services, Ministry of Economic Affairs.

SECTION 5. MODALITIES OF COOPERATION

§1. Cooperation by the Participants under this Memorandum of Understanding may particularly take the following modalities:

- 1° sharing of good practices relating to institutions and policies;
- 2° exchange of experiences in the areas of cooperation;
- 3° exchange of experiences and expertise between academic, scientific and technical personnel;
- 4° exchange of scientific and technological available information and data;
- 5° organization of workshops, seminars, training courses, field visits and working groups.

§2. Other modalities may be decided upon later by the Participants.

SECTION 6. FINANCING

The costs involved in the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding will be borne by the respective Participants. This Memorandum of Understanding does not bind either Participant to any financial arrangements other than those separately accepted in writing.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE, AMENDMENTS, TERMINATION

§1. This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect upon signature.

§2. This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of the Participants.

§3. This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either Participant giving one month's written notice to the other Participant.

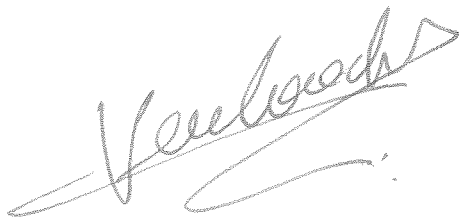
SECTION 8. DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

This Memorandum of Understanding does not create any rights or obligations under international law.

Any dispute between the Participants related to the interpretation and implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding will be resolved amicably by means of consultation and negotiation between the Participants and will not be referred to any national or international tribunal or third party for settlement.

The foregoing represents the understandings reached between the Participants upon the matters referred to herein; it does not create legally binding obligations.

Signed in duplicate in Brussels on October 17th, 2017, in the English language.



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