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## Boao Forum for Asia Paris Meeting

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September 14-15, 2017

Paris, France

*"Belt and Road" Initiative: Building Synergy with EU Policies and Strategies*

### Thursday, September 14

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15:30 - 17:30 CEO Dialogue  
"Belt and Road" Initiative : The role of the Market & Businesses

18:00 - 19:30 Welcome Reception

### Friday, September 15

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09:00 - 10:00 Opening Plenary

Welcome Remarks

- Zhou Wenzhong, Secretary-General, Boao Forum for Asia
- Jean-Pierre Raffarin, Former Prime Minister of France; Board of Director, Boao Forum for Asia

Speakers

- Zeng Peiyan, Former Vice-Premier; Vice-Chairman, Boao Forum for Asia
- Government Official from French Government

10:30 - 12:00

**Session 1**

**Infrastructure Connectivity**

- Infrastructure is the key to connectivity between Asia and Europe. Coordination at the strategy and policy level is the first step. How has the “Belt and Road” Initiative coordinated with European strategies as a whole and development plans of member states individually? Has good progress been made? What needs to be done further along the line?

14:30 - 16:00

**Session 2**

**Promoting Trade & Investment**

- Investment has been a drag on the world economy for quite a while, in particular Europe. Will the “Belt and Road” Initiative help spur a new wave of investment flow between Asia and Europe? Under the initiative, are there good measures to reduce investment barriers and increase investor protection?
- EU has signed or is negotiating bilateral FTAs with a number of Asian economies. How will the Belt and Road Initiative help bring Europe-Asia trade to a new level?

Panelists:

Tu Guangshao, President, China Investment Corporation (CIC)

16:30 - 18:00

**Session 3**

**Inclusive and Innovative Ways of Funding**

- Funding is a key challenge to the “Belt and Road” Initiative. Are there good solutions, through Asia and Europe working together, to provide long-term, stable and sustainable funding for the Initiative?
- Asia has lagged behind Europe in traditional finance, but may lead in P2P lending and crowd-funding through the rising power of Fintech, such as cloud computing, big data, blockchain etc.. How can such innovative and inclusive “new finance” help fund the Belt and Road Initiative and Asia-Europe connectivity?

Panelists:

David Wright, Vice Chairman, Barclays

18:30 - 19:30

*Dinner*

**People-to-People Exchanges**

- People-to-people exchanges are the foundation of the “Belt and Road” Initiative. What can be done to substantially enhance cultural exchanges, educational cooperation and tourism between Asia and Europe?