Strategic Partnerships for Joint Innovations
—KIT in the Jiangsu Province and the Shanghai Metropolitan Region

KIT-StratP China Project (Project ID: 57172605)

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Partner Country: China
Partners: Nanjing University of Science and Technology – NJUST
Shanghai Jiao Tong University – SJTU
Soochow University – SUDA
Tongji University of Shanghai – TUS

Project Goals:
1. Strengthening bilateral partnerships and thematic extension to a strategic network covering various topics and strongly focused on innovation in the medium term.
2. Establishing an interdisciplinary research and innovation platform in Jiangsu and the area of Shanghai.
3. Strengthening strategic presence along the axis of Shanghai – Suzhou – Nanjing.
4. Extension of qualification offers of the KIT Office to cover new topics that are in high demand in China by a German-Chinese demonstration and innovation center for “Global Production, Future Technologies, Environment, and Sustainability”.

Model/Setup: Further development of bilateral strategic partnerships to a self-supporting, dynamic network with a strategic center.

Strategy:
The StratP-China project is an action in the program line “Strategic partnerships and thematic networks” to implement the KIT Internationalization Concept that also is related to all other program lines.

The variety of individual contacts and cooperative ventures in China is both basis and dynamic element. Pooling of these contacts and cooperation projects, their coordination, and specific completion under strategic partnerships are to result in a reliable framework for action in the long term.

Measures (by way of example):
• Annual coordination meetings of the member universities within the framework of the joint strategy platform and in connection with international weeks
• China-specific trainings and language courses focusing on general and specific aspects of cooperation
• Fact-finding missions, workshops, and summer schools for extending the scope of topics covered by cooperation
• New instruments of cooperation (demonstration and innovation center, coordinated support of graduates, joint labs/test facilities)
• Opening and joint marketing of university-specific events, organization of joint symposiums/conventions
• KIT innovation forum and marketplace
• Intensification of alumni work

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