Belt and Road Summit: from vision to action

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After a first edition, held in Venice on November 23 and 24, 2017, **China Development Institute** and **The European House – Ambrosetti** organize the **second edition** of **Belt and Road Summit: from vision to action** in **Shenzhen on November 22, 2018**, a high-level gathering of business, political, and thought leaders from China, Central Asia, and Europe to discuss about mutually beneficial strategies and investment opportunities granted by the Belt and Road initiative.

At present, global economy is facing with great uncertainty and challenge while the intense trade protectionism and friction has seriously affected the development of international economic and trade relations. With the advance of the Belt and Road initiative, Chinese investment experiences challenges while promoting European connectivity, economic growth and China-EU cooperation.
The Belt and Road is becoming an increasingly complex system,

encompassing a multitude of actors, projects, and business sectors: a rapidly shifting geo-economic setting where knowledge is truly power.

The Summit aims to establish a platform for Eurasian countries along the Belt and Road to enhance academic exchanges and dialogue in political, business and media sectors, strengthen communication, avert risks, establish sound cooperation, and form policy recommendations and decision-making references.

The access to the Summit is by invitation only, gathered around 150 preeminent Asian and Italian business leaders, representing 8 countries along the Belt and Road, in a one-day high-level Summit on practical issues followed by closed-door company visits with leading Chinese companies engaged in the Belt and Road Initiative in Shenzhen, the leading edge of the Chinese digital and high-tech industries.

The major outcome for the participants is to get: knowledge, personal feeling, and trust among fellow business leaders from Eurasia to facilitate partnership and triangulations between European, Chinese and third Countries' enterprises.

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A position paper prepared by The European House – Ambrosetti has been presented during the Summit. It's an in-depth analysis that identifies the key numbers, the special investment areas and economic and industrial activities triggered by the Belt and Road Initiative in Eurasia. In addition to the paper, we presented a map that shows all the key numbers, the infrastructure works, the activated and planned projects along the Silk Road.