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Symposium

Partnerships between Baden-Württemberg and China as Drivers for Innovation and Stability

July 20, 2026 | 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Stuttgart City Hall, Main Hall, Rathauspassage 2, 70173 Stuttgart

The **China Netzwerk Baden-Württemberg e. V.**, in collaboration with the **Baden-Württemberg Ministry of Economic Affairs, Labor, and Tourism**, invites you to the symposium “Partnerships Between Baden-Württemberg and China as Drivers for Innovation and Stability”.

This event marks the 40th anniversary of the partnership between the state of Baden-Württemberg and the Chinese province of Liaoning, as well as the sixth anniversary of the China Netzwerk Baden-Württemberg e. V. The focus will be on the diverse economic, institutional, and civil society ties between Baden-Württemberg and China.

The symposium offers an opportunity to recognize existing partnerships, gain practical insights, and discuss prospects for future cooperation. The event will be attended by representatives from Baden-Württemberg and Liaoning, the state capital Stuttgart, and the Consulate General of the People’s Republic of China in Frankfurt am Main. In addition, business representatives will share insights from their practical work at locations in Germany and China.

FULLY BOOKED!

Participation is only possible after prior registration and confirmation by the China Netzwerk Baden-Württemberg e. V.

**SYMPOSIUM -
PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG AND CHINA AS DRIVERS
FOR INNOVATION UND STABILITY**

Date: July 20, 2026, 3:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

Place: Stuttgart City Hall, Main Hall, Rathauspassage 2, 70173 Stuttgart

SYMPOSIUM The focus is on the diverse partnerships and collaborations between Baden-Württemberg and China. Together, we would like to highlight successful models, practical experiences, and prospects for future cooperation.	
Time	Program
3:00 p.m.	Arrival and registration Networking at the „Market of Opportunities“ Six Years of CNBW Live: Insights into the projects, committees, members, and partners of the China Netzwerk Baden-Württemberg e. V., as well as an opportunity to exchange ideas with representatives from Liaoning
3:30 p.m.	Welcome <i>Dr.-Ing. Elmar Stumpf</i> , Chairman of the Board, China Netzwerk Baden-Württemberg e. V. <i>Konstantin Schneider</i> , Head of Innovation and Economic Development Department, City of Stuttgart
3:45 p.m.	Keynote Cooperation between the People’s Republic of China and Europe: Opportunities, Challenges, and Prospects <i>Christine Zhang-Lippert</i> , Associate Partner, SET Management Consulting
4:00 p.m.	Panel Discussion German-Chinese Value Creation at the Intersection of Competition and Partnership Participants: • <i>Lutz Berners</i>, Berners Consulting • <i>Carlo Lazzarini</i>, CEO, PWO Group • <i>Roland Bleinroth</i>, Managing Director, Messe Stuttgart • <i>Rüdiger Hausherr</i>, Managing Director, optimed Medizinische Instrumente Moderation: <i>Dr. Peter Schaumann</i> , Member of the Advisory Board, China Netzwerk Baden-Württemberg
4:45 p.m.	Coffee + Tea Break with the “Market of Opportunities” Six Years of CNBW Live: Insights into projects, committees, members, and partners; opportunity to exchange ideas with representatives from Liaoning
40th anniversary of the Baden-Württemberg – Liaoning partnership	
5:00 p.m.	Liaoning – A Partner Region with Potential: Experiences and Prospects

	The panel discussion will examine the economic ties between Baden-Württemberg and Liaoning. The focus is on experiences in cooperation. The discussion will cover practical approaches to cooperation, experiences with the region, and potential for further collaboration. Keynote: <i>Shuang PAN</i>, Director of the Liaoning Provincial Department of Commerce Experience Reports: • <i>Lukas Schmieg</i>, COO, Arnold Umformtechnik • <i>Ruediger Bub</i>, Head of Corporate Foreign Trade, Corporate Logistics, Mahle International Moderation: <i>Dr. Christine D. Althausen</i>, Member of the Advisory Board, China Netzwerk Baden-Württemberg
5:45 p.m.	Coffee + Tea Break with the “Market of Opportunities” Six Years of CNBW Live: insights into projects, committees, members, and partners; opportunity to exchange ideas with representatives from Liaoning
5:55 p.m.	Musical performance String Quartet; Students, Albert Einstein Gymnasium, Böblingen
6:00 p.m.	RECEPTION Opening Remarks: <i>Dr.-Ing. Elmar Stumpf</i>, Chairman of the Board, China Netzwerk Baden-Württemberg e. V. Welcome Address: <i>Dr. Nicole Hoffmeister-Kraut</i>, Minister for Economic Affairs, Labor, and Tourism of the State of Baden-Württemberg <i>Shuang Pan</i>, Director of the Department of Commerce of Liaoning Province <i>Yan CHEN</i>, Economic Consul, Consulate General of the People’s Republic of China in Frankfurt/Main Signing Ceremony
6:45 p.m.	Musical performance String Quartet; Students, Albert Einstein Gymnasium, Böblingen
7:00 p.m.	END

Get a glimpse of last year’s anniversary event here:
[Video of our anniversary and the 2025 main event ...](#)