Project Summary

Project Background
The Programme for the “Development of Vocational Training for Industry” (2000 - 2004) had the objectives;
(a) to improve the economic situation of the Sino European Joint Ventures and
(b) to develop a base of Chinese training providers.
The programme focused on the competencies of technical personnel especially of the Sino-European Joint Ventures (SEJVs). It introduced trainers from Chinese training institutions to the bottom-up methodology and offered tailor-made courses for groups of SEJVs. These courses had a duration of 2 – 6 weeks and were implemented jointly by European short-term consultants and Chinese trainers. Chinese trainers were taught to conduct the courses independently of European short-term experts.

Evaluation Objectives
The specific objectives of this evaluation were:
• A comprehensive assessment of the programme in terms of relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, impact and sustainability;
• Assessment of impact on beneficiaries incl. the productivity/competitiveness of companies, i.e. the JEJVs.
• Report and discussion with the EC Delegation; feedback into planning, programming and identification work

Evaluation Activities
• Desk research combined with extensive field research at source
• Assessment of the operational guidelines of the PMO as the project implementer
• Assessment of the training courses in respect of appropriateness, quality and cost-benefit considerations
• Interviews with beneficiary companies following evaluation criteria and questionnaires developed by the expert team.
• Institutional assessment of the China Europe Vocational Training Centre in respect of sustainability

Implementation Features
The evaluation placed strong emphasis on industry related results, especially the appropriateness of training content and the acceptance of new training approaches by the beneficiaries.

Services Provided
• Institutional analysis of training organisations
• Assessment of training curricula and methods
• Survey on training effects and wider impact in the industry
• Evaluation according to EC criteria
• Reporting and feedback

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Final Evaluation of Vocational Training for Industry Programme

Client
European Commission / EC

Duration
2004

Personnel
Team of 3 STE (4 PM)
• 2 EU vocational training specialists
• 1 Chinese expert with industry background