Attachment 1

Organization Plan for the 1st China-CEEC Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurship Competition

## I. Theme of the Competition

Innovative Youth Share the Future

## II. Organization

Hosts:

Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Science and Technology of China

Department of Foreign Expert Services, Ministry of Science and Technology of China

Zhejiang Provincial Science and Technology Department

Ningbo Municipal People's Government

Organizers:

Talent Office, CPC Ningbo Municipal Committee

Ningbo Science and Technology Bureau

Ningbo University of Technology

China-CEEC Innovation Cooperation Research Center

Zagreb Innovation Centre(Croatia)

Ⅲ. Organizing Committee

The Organizing Committee of China-CEEC Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurship Competition is composed of the hosts and organizers with an office in the Ningbo Science and Technology Bureau.

IV. Qualifications and Requirements

A. Registration and Qualification Review

a. Registration. Participants with qualified projects are encouraged to register and submit required application documents on the official website (<https://cceec.tech/sign.aspx?id=15>) and must be responsible for the accuracy and truthfulness of information furnished online.

Participants can only register through the official website. No fee will be charged for attending the Competition. If you have any questions about the registration, please contact us at international@cceec.tech.

Deadline for registration: 24:00, April 6, 2023(BJS)

b. Qualification review. The Organizing Committee of the Competition (“the Committee”) will review the application documents. Projects whose application documents are approved as qualified will be eligible for the preliminary round.

B. Fields

a. Digital Innovation

Smart devices, Microelectronics Technology, Basic/application software, Integrated circuits, Intelligent networking, autonomous driving, Internet of Things, Industrial Internet of Things, future communication network, blockchain, big data, 5G, photoelectric information, intelligent information terminal, intelligent integration and operating system etc.

b. Biomedicine and Healthcare

Biomedicine, high-end medical devices, biomedical engineering, biosafety, genetic engineering, early diagnosis and treatment, brain-computer fusion technology, intelligent medical system, etc.

c. Advanced Materials

New metal materials, synthetic materials, semiconductor materials, new display materials, functional ceramic materials, fiber and composite materials, functional film materials, new energy materials, special polymer materials, high-end magnetic materials, advanced carbon materials, information materials, biomedical materials, etc.

1. Categories

The competition is open to universities, research institutes, enterprises and other social organizations from China and CEE countries. The participant may only choose one category (Enterprise, Team, or Joint Innovation) and one field (Digital Innovation, Biomedicine and Healthcare or Advanced Materials) to compete in. In principle, the team leader in charge of the project shall not be over 45 years old (born on or after January 1, 1978).

a. Enterprise Category

Competition within this category is intended to promote mutual exchanges between start-ups from China and CEECs and create opportunities for experience sharing, partnership, and funding.

(a). Eligible candidate enterprises must not have gone public at the time of registration for the competition, legally registered in China or CEECs no earlier than 5 years ago (i.e., registered on or after January 1, 2018), have a registered capital of no greater than RMB 36.5 million or EUR 5 million, and have a business revenue in 2022 no greater than RMB 36.5 million or EUR 5 million.

(b). Candidate enterprises must be conducting business in good faith, with sound social reputation and clean records.

(c). The candidate project must be operated by no less than 3 core members from the candidate enterprise. If the enterprises registered in China and the candidate project’s core members are all Chinese, supporting documents indicating innovation cooperation (e.g., cooperation agreements, jointly published papers or publications/patents, research cooperation projects, etc.) with relevant institutions in CEECs for more than one year shall be provided. International cooperation experience is not required for enterprises registered in CEECs.

b. Team Category

Competition within this category is intended to help young talents from China and CEECs to develop entrepreneurial cooperation, to exchange innovative ideas, seek suitable partner for cooperation and win entrepreneurial support.

(a). Candidate teams must present innovative achievements and entrepreneurial plan (e.g., entrepreneurs, excellent teams implementing their entrepreneurial plans, entrepreneurial teams of college students, etc.). The team must not have incorporated a company based on its project at the time of registration.

(b). The core members of the candidate teams must be personally participating in the planning, research and operation of the projects. Products, technologies and relevant IP shall be free of any title-related disputes and belong to the core members.

(c). The team shall be composed of no less than 3 core members of the candidate projects. If the core members are all Chinese, the team is required to provide supporting documents proving innovative cooperation with talents from CEECs for more than one year (e.g, jointly published papers/publications or jointly registered patents, evidence of research cooperation projects, etc.). International cooperation is not required for a team whose leader is from CEECs or has a recommendation letter from a university or research institution in CEECs.

c. Joint Innovative Category

Competition within this category is intended to promote joint innovation efforts in research, application and industrialization of cutting-edge technology between research institutions, universities and enterprise in China and CEECs.

(a). The application for the Competition must be jointly submitted by enterprises, universities or any other organization with competent R&D capacities. And one is formally registered in China, the other in CEECs. Each joint application can only contain one partner from China and one from CEECs. Neither should own any shares of the other.

(b). The candidate projects must be jointly carried out by the Chinese and foreign partners. Contribution in terms of technology, capital, personnel or information, advanced equipment, proprietary resources, etc. counts as cooperation. The responsibilities for the project must be clearly defined and divided between the partners by means of agreements or letters of intent for cooperation.

(c). The Chinese and foreign leaders of the candidate projects must have high academic status or technical advantages in the relevant technical fields, as well as the management and coordination capabilities required to complete the projects.

(d). The Chinese and foreign teams of the candidate projects shall each be composed of at least 3 core members of the candidate projects.

d. Other Requirements

(a). Participants must strictly observe relevant laws and regulations of the People's Republic of China and CEECs as well as established morals and customs of the People's Republic of China and CEECs.

(b). The Committee will reject applications with false information and applications failing to meet requirements for the Competition without notice.

(c). Participants have no right of recourse against the Committee and can not dispute or inspect the review process or any result of review.

e. Language. The official languages for the Competition are Chinese and English. Application documents shall be submitted in either Chinese or English. The roadshow and defense in the final round can be done in either language. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in Chinese and English in the final round.

V. Schedule

The Competition is divided into preliminary round and final round.

A. Preliminary round: A group of experts will evaluate the documents submitted by the participants to select finalists.

The results of the preliminary round will be announced through the registration system. Participants can check the results online after April 14, 2023.

B. Final round. The final round will be held offline in Ningbo, China, on May 17 and 18, 2023 in the form of a 10-minute roadshow and an 8-minute defense.

VI. Prizes and Supports

A. Prizes. 1 first prize(80,000 RMB), 2 second prizes(40,000 RMB) and 6 third prizes(20,000 RMB) will be granted to winning projects in the Enterprise Category, Team Category, and Joint Innovation Category respectively.

B. Support. The organizing committee will provide accommodation and meals for participants during the final round. Further information on transportation fees will be announced once confirmed.

VII. Follow-up Support

A. Project Funding for Award-Winning Teams

a. If first prize winning projects can meet requirements of Ningbo Yongjiang Talent Introduction Programme(http://web.dfdj.gov.cn/info\_show.asp?ArticleID=154420), the projects can proceed directly to the “Expert review” procedure. Those projects that are approved may be granted up to 20 million RMB of project funding.

b. If the award-winning projects in the Joint Innovation Category can meet requirements of Ningbo’s International Technology Cooperation Project may proceed directly to the final review procedure. Those projects that are approved may be granted up to 5 million RMB of project funding.

B. Travel and Accommodation Subsidies

a. If members from CEECs in the award-winning projects meet related requirements and engage in cooperation with an entity in Ningbo, each of them can be granted up to 300,000 RMB of travel and accommodation subsidies.

b. If members from CEECs in the award-winning projects meet application requirements and come to Ningbo for scientific research cooperation, they may be granted up to 20,000 RMB/month living allowance for 3 to 12 months.

C. Incubation and Acceleration

a. The award-winning projects will be preferentially recommended to innovative incubators, maker spaces in Ningbo;

b. The Competition’s partner organizations will provide financial services, legal services and favorable policies application support, etc.;

c. The award-winning projects will be preferentially recommended to investment funds and the Competition’s partner banks;

d. The award-winning projects will be preferentially recommended to leading companies in various sectors.

D. Media Coverage

a. The award-winning projects will be listed on the website of China International Science and Technology Cooperation (http://www.cistc.gov.cn/);

b. The award-winning projects will be promoted on main media preferentially.