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**16,411** km<sup>2</sup>

## **General Socio-economic Profile**

Xi'an has been accredited as the 9th National Center City of China, and its GDP reached RMB 10 trillion in 2020. Xi'an is well connected as a global air and land transportation hub. Its Xianyang International Airport is the 2nd largest in Northern China. Xi'an has abundant scientific innovation resources. It's among the first pilots for IP commercialization and is also a Top 10 Innovative City. Xi'an embraces frequent international exchanges, having established sister-city relationships with 38 cities from 30 countries, including 14 European cities. Xi'an has attracted investment from 242 of the Global 500 companies.

Technologies 4.0, Industry 5.0 & Digital Economy

Tourism, Culture and Creativity

Education, jobs & skills, Innovation centres, business clusters

## **Preferred Areas of Cooperation**

Xi'an plans to grasp the opportunity of EU-China Regional Policy Cooperation for various new collaborative efforts and comprehensive growth and seek to create a new model of Sino-EU cooperation at the local level.

Xi'an pays attention to building land and air transportation hubs that promote trade and logistics for commerce and industrial chains.

The city will further construct international cooperation parks and facilitate the concentration of high-end equipment manufacturers and automakers for wide-ranging cooperation.

Xi'an will make full use of platforms such as the Euro-Asia Economic Forum to explore new modes of economic and cultural exchange, and to establish sister-city relationships with European countries.

Scientific and technological innovation. Xi'an will intensify scientific innovation cooperation with Europe through joint research and development, staff training, and commercialization of research findings.