

## FOSTERING SPANISH-CHINESE COMMERCIAL RELATIONS

### THE MARKET CITY OF YIWU AND ITS FREIGHT TRAIN ARE PRESENTED TO CATALAN COMPANIES IN A BUSINESS SESSION AT THE CONSORCI

**Barcelona, 10<sup>th</sup> May.-** The Chinese city of Yiwu, known as the largest wholesale market in the world, and its transcontinental freight train convoy with Madrid were presented to Catalan companies interested in expanding their products to the Chinese market.

The business session organised by El Consorci, with the collaboration of Foment del Treball and the Barcelona Chamber of Commerce, brought together more than 50 Catalan companies interested in imports and exports. It was useful for finding out about how the line functions: it brings products from China to Spain twice a week, but it is currently not sufficiently loaded on the return journey.

**Jordi Cornet**, the special state delegate to the Consorci de la Zona Franca de Barcelona, expressed the public organisation's commitment to Yiwu. In 2015, cooperation protocols were set up and a business cooperation and the dissemination of actions of mutual knowledge agreement was signed with **Mao Wenjin**, the president of the Foundation for Exchange between Yiwu and Spain.

Wenjin and **Carlos Santana**, the commercial director of the Grup Mundiver, told attendants "that the far-off Chinese market is now really accessible to Spanish companies" and highlighted the advantages of the commercial location of Yiwu for international trade and commercial services and existing customs offices.

The Yiwu-Madrid train will enable the shipment of containers and groupages every three weeks. It crosses eight countries on a 13,000-kilometre journey. In the two years it has been working, some 2,500 wagons of goods have been sent.

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