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Subject: Effects on Europe's transport sector of an investment agreement with China

While China and the European Union are currently engaged in negotiations aimed at reaching a global agreement on investment projects, China has never fully met its obligations within the World Trade Organisation and, in particular, has still not made a satisfactory offer relating to adhering to the agreement on public-sector contracts; and it must not be forgotten that the country is still considered to be a centrally managed economy. This situation is worrying for our industrialists working in the transport sector. They fear having greatly restricted access to the Chinese market, while Chinese firms operate freely in Europe. In particular they fear unfair competition from the semi-public, State-supported, monopolies which, in addition, do not give the assurances of impartiality needed in the event of a commercial disagreement.

What undertakings does the Commission intend to request from the Chinese negotiator in order to ensure fair competition between European and Chinese firms in the transport sector?

How does the Commission envisage monitoring implementation?