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Subject: Control of Chinese investments in the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI)

The Chinese banks have announced that they are willing to invest in the Juncker Plan. According to China-EU President Luigi Gambardella, they may invest up to several billion euro. Commission Vice President Jyrki Katainen, has noted in this regard, 'the European Union is open to investment. The main aim is to create jobs and growth. The origin of the investors is of little importance in this context.' While it would be inappropriate to dismiss foreign investors' interest in the European market out of hand, it is important not to be blind to the true intentions of the Chinese. In particular, these Chinese hi-tech giants are trying to control growing shares of the market.

Will the Chinese investments in the Juncker Plan influence which investments are financed, and which industries benefit? Can the Commission offer an assurance that these investments will not disproportionately increase the positions of the Chinese giants on the European markets?

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