

**Question for written answer E-008481/2016**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: China's 'Belt and Road Initiative'

This project is based on two main routes along which connectivity is to be fostered: land and sea. On land the focus is on transportation infrastructure and energy. For the sea, investment in ports and new trade routes are the main pillars. Both routes will have a major impact on Europe and the European Union. For instance, improved connectivity is expected to foster trade.

Can the Commission comment on which countries in the EU stand to win or lose the most depending on their proximity to the new infrastructure?