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to the Commission**
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Subject: A level playing field in the rail sector

On the global stage, more and more countries have been adopting protectionist measures and restricting access to their markets, especially with respect to investment and public procurement. This is increasingly the case in the rail sector, for instance in China. On the other hand, foreign competitors from the same countries (e.g. Chinese state-owned rail suppliers) are increasing their presence on the global stage, including in Europe, with strong government support and subsidies.

What actions has the Commission undertaken to achieve a level playing field and to guarantee fair competition with foreign competitors on the European market? In particular, is the Commission considering the creation of an instrument for screening foreign investments and, potentially, restricting the market access of foreign state-owned companies that would distort competition?