

China

China is a major strategic partner for the European Union, despite divergences on human rights issues, as well as on some economic and foreign policies. At their 20th EU-China summit in July, the two sides agreed to further develop their partnership and to seek to avoid global trade wars, which many analysts fear could be triggered by US President Donald Trump's protectionist policies. They agreed, in principle, to support reform of the World Trade Organization, which has been snubbed by President Trump. However, China's increasingly close military ties with Russia cause concern in the EU. Trade, security and connectivity will be important topics of the [12th ASEM](#) (EU-Asia) summit in October, which will gather heads of state or government of 51 European and Asian countries.

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