

## China: Partner or rival?

Formally, the EU and China have been strategic partners since 2003 – a partnership that was broadened five years ago by the [EU-China 2020 Strategic Agenda for Cooperation](#). However, more recently, EU officials and politicians have been expressing increasing concerns over China's economic expansionism and human rights violations. The current coronavirus pandemic and developments in Hong Kong have had a marked negative impact on EU-China relations.

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