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to the Commission**
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Subject: Maintaining the EU's strategic investment areas

With all the major economic powers (the US, China...) having established foreign investment monitoring mechanisms, the EU, which is the second-largest destination for foreign direct investments (FDIs), appears not to have followed suit. Effective monitoring of FDIs is impossible owing to the wide range of arrangements in use, so that investors and the countries involved have no overview of the situation. This points to a need to harmonise the different European procedures so that all FDIs are handled in the same way.

What specific action will the Commission take to ensure it makes up lost ground on the other major economic powers?

What are the Commission's objectives in terms of maintaining the EU's strategic investment areas?