Question for written answer E-006458/2020
to the Commission
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Subject: Confucius Institutes

Confucius Institutes are educational establishments which are present throughout the world. Their official task is to promote Chinese language and culture and engage in a cultural exchange with their host countries.

They are financed in equal parts by the host country and China.

1. Are Confucius Institutes located in colleges and universities in the EU funded directly with EU money? Has this happened in the past?

2. Has there been indirect funding of the institutes by means, for example, of strategic partnerships under the Erasmus+ programme?