

**Question for written answer E-002074/2021**

**to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy**

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Subject: EU-ASEAN relations in the context of China

The recent escalation in diplomatic hostilities between the European Union and China puts, as a consequence, more pressure on Association of Southeast Asian Nation (ASEAN) members, who must manage the regional aspirations and power of China. Despite the escalation in rhetoric, China nonetheless remains a major trading partner for EU Member States and ASEAN.

To take into account the worsening relations with China, does the EU have a strategy that will retain economic and trading opportunities for EU businesses in one of the world's most important markets?

1. What assessment has been made of the impact of deteriorating EU-China relations on the security of ASEAN member states?
2. What, if any, discussions have taken place with ASEAN member states regarding China?