

**Question for written answer E-003222/2021
to the Commission**
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Subject: Build back better for the world

On 13 June 2021, the G7 announced a new partnership to 'build back better for the world'. This partnership will include a new approach to investment in infrastructure in order to meet the infrastructure needs of developing countries.

This partnership will also use development finance tools in other areas, such as resilient infrastructure and technologies to address the consequences of climate change, health systems and security, digital solutions and advancing gender equality and education.

The G7 announcement is supposed to offer an alternative to China's Belt and Road Initiative and counter its influence in developing countries.

1. Does the Commission perceive this initiative as a way to boost procurement opportunities for local companies and shape procurement practices in developing countries?
2. Will these proposals take into account unfair competition by Chinese state-owned and -aided companies that may win the tenders financed by this initiative at the expense of local companies in developing countries?
3. Will the proposals prevent Chinese companies from gaining knowledge about crucial technologies through these procurement procedures in developing countries?