

**Question for written answer E-003223/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Lack of information from the Commission regarding foreign interference in Europe

In recent months, I have, for the purposes of parliamentary oversight, repeatedly sought information from the Commission regarding foreign interference in Europe. I was particularly anxious to find out more about European Structural and Investment Fund grants to non-European recipients¹, the involvement of Chinese state-owned companies in strategic sectors² and Chinese investments and interests in European strategic infrastructure³. In reply, the Commission indicated that it did not have the requisite information in its possession. In this connection, the following questions have been submitted:

1. Does the Commission agree that effective European strategies to combat foreign interference in Europe must be based on comprehensive intelligence regarding the situation and the development thereof?
2. What steps will the Commission take to obtain without delay the necessary information regarding foreign investment and interference? When will it obtain this information?
3. Does the Commission agree that the absence of such data can only hamper effective parliamentary oversight?

¹ E-005619/2020, E-000825/2021

² E-006899/2020,

³ and E-001464/2021.