

**Question for written answer E-003538/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Chinese investment in critical (port) infrastructure in the EU – the case of the Hamburg port terminal

Media reports suggest that the Commission has certain reservations about Cosco acquiring a stake in a Hamburg port terminal¹.

1. Is this the case and, if so, what specific misgivings does the Commission have?
2. Does it also have concerns with regard to China's stakes in other EU terminals, for example, in port terminals in Rotterdam, Antwerp and Piraeus²?
3. Which ports does the Commission view as critical infrastructure? Does the Commission have a strategy to protect these ports, particularly from third-country investments?

¹ <https://today.rtl.lu/news/business-and-tech/a/1984054.html>

² <https://today.rtl.lu/news/business-and-tech/a/1984054.html> and <https://www.politico.eu/article/report-germany-deal-china-hamburg-port-investment-cosco/>