

**Question for written answer E-003682/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Potential third-country access to a strategic NATO port in Poland

Third-country parties are apparently participating in a tender for the construction of the outer port of Gdynia¹², the main Polish port included in the military network of NATO. As a vital base for the transshipment of NATO forces, the port plays a pivotal role in transatlantic military cooperation.

In times of war on European soil and with the security of the EU at stake, it seems as if there is a possibility that a company owned by a third country might win the Polish tender and be allowed a substantial presence in the European strategic military infrastructure. Such a decision could imply a serious threat to the military and security interests of the EU and defence cooperation within NATO.

1. How does the Commission view the possibility of a growing third-country presence in the port of Gdynia in relation to the military and security interests of the EU and NATO?
2. Particularly in view of the current security situation on our continent, what measures is the Commission taking to prevent and gain insight into third-country access to the EU's strategic infrastructure?
3. Can the Commission guarantee that no European funds are used to support or increase the third-country presence in strategic European infrastructure?

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¹ <https://oko.press/chiny-porty-nato/>

² <https://vsquare.org/nato-in-deep-water-because-of-chinese-port-investments/>