Question for written answer E-003745/2022 to the Commission

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Subject: Chinese presence on data platforms of European ports is detrimental to European

autonomy

The Financieele Dagblad newspaper¹ has reported that the port of Rotterdam may have entered into a cooperation agreement with the Chinese logistics platform LOGINK. The aim is to promote data sharing on the flow of goods and the development of digital standards. However, widespread use of LOGINK entails economic and strategic risks for the EU. It would expand the power and influence of the Chinese Government and be detrimental to European autonomy. It poses a threat to the security of users and also allows China to access and control sensitive data and also to set standards regarding data management. Nevertheless, Antwerp, Bremen, Hamburg, Barcelona, Sines and Riga have entered into cooperation agreements with LOGINK.

- 1. Does the Commission share the US USCC's findings² regarding the economic and strategic risks of using LOGINK?
- 2. Moving forward, how does the Commission envisage being able to mitigate the economic and strategic risks of ever-expanding Chinese influence over European ports, both in terms of data flows and digital standards?
- 3. What measures does the Commission intend to take to safeguard the regulatory framework on data and information security and the processing and storage of sensitive data in European ports?

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