

**Question for written answer E-003330/2023
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Chinese investments in European maritime infrastructure

China, mainly via its vehicle company COSCO, has invested close to EUR 10 billion in European maritime infrastructure. China is clearly employing a strategic approach when it comes to such investments. At the same time, there is likely a serious risk that China's port and shipping firms may significantly increase their market share in the EU and displace European firms.

1. Does the Commission agree with this assessment?
2. How will the Commission respond to further Chinese investments in ports, such as in that of the city of Hamburg?
3. Does the Commission agree, with regard to the integrated value chains of Chinese industry and the volume of Chinese shipping, that China can exert significant influence on the economic success of other harbours competing with Hamburg, such as Bremen, by diverting shipping volume, thereby distorting competition?

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