



THE CHINA STRATEGY GROUP 2023

INVITATION - June 16-17, 2023

Dear Mr. Groothuis,

On behalf of Institut Montaigne, we are delighted to invite you to our **China Strategy Group 2023**, taking place on **June 16 and 17 in Arrábida**, Portugal (details of the schedule on [Page 2 and 3](#)). We are bringing together a small selected group of European policymakers, business leaders, and China watchers in an informal setting, with a commitment to developing a stronger common European strategy in relation to China.

This year's discussions, run as always under strict confidentiality rules, are organized around five main themes:

- Session 1 – After the National People's Congress: revamping government and the new economic orientation
- Session 2 – The “dual-use” concept: technology decoupling to respond to China's civil-military integration?
- Session 3 – Supply chain dependencies: trade diversification and/or industrial policy?
- Session 4 – EU-China: what can we still expect from engaging China on international security and global governance issues?
- Fireside chat – China's global stance: checking words against facts

We would be very honored if you accepted to speak in **Session 2 “The “dual-use” concept: technology decoupling to respond to China's civil-military integration?”**. As places are limited to about 30 participants, we would be grateful if you could confirm your participation by **April 16**, through e-mail to XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX. We will also start the organization of your trip as early as possible. Institut Montaigne will cover your accommodation and local transfers.

We would be very pleased to welcome you in Arrábida.

Best regards,



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10:00-12:45 Arrival of the participants and transfer to Arrábida Monastery

13:00-14:30 Opening lunch – Welcoming remarks

15:00-16:30 **Session 1 – After the National People’s Congress: revamping government and the new economic orientation**

The party-state’s new leadership team is now in place. The National People’s Congress has adopted changes to governing institutions that strengthen CCP leadership over the state. This session will assess personnel and organisational changes, the intentions behind ever more centralized control of the economy and the accent on financial governance.

16:30-17:00 Coffee break

17:00-18:30 **Session 2 – The “dual-use” concept: technology decoupling to respond to China’s civil-military integration?**

Xi Jinping’s “innovation-driven development strategy” has been in place for almost a decade. Coupled with a robust policy in support of military-civil fusion, it has provoked a very strong pushback from the United States and allies. Controls over technology transfers are justified by the risks of onward use by military end-users. Inevitably, this also has consequences for the Chinese civilian market and its international suppliers. What impact will controls have on China’s military modernization? How can the governments involved in these controls draw the line between military and civilian end-users in a system which is designed to blur these lines?

19:30-21:00 Drinks and dinner

Fireside chat – China’s global stance: checking words against facts



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10:00-11:30 Session 3 – Supply chain dependencies: trade diversification and/or industrial policy?

The industrialized economies are adopting policies to reduce their supply chain dependencies, starting from raw materials. The private sector is also moving to diversify its production bases. Yet China is hardly avoidable in many key industry sectors. What has been achieved so far by the EU and Member States in terms of risk reduction and resilience? How can our industrial policies and support for critical technologies complement trade diversification?

11:30-12:00 Coffee Break

12:00-13:30 Session 4 – EU-China: what can we still expect from engaging China on international security and global governance issues?

In December 2022, as it gave up all zero-Covid policies, China also resumed in-person - and often bilateral - diplomacy, primarily towards emerging countries and the “Global South”. China has at the same time made public a proposal for simultaneous lifting of EU and Chinese sanctions. Russia’s Ukraine war has also provided an incentive for some Europeans to re-engage China. What can we expect on this front? How open is China to further cooperate on global issues, from debt to climate goals?

13:30-14:30 Informal closing luncheon