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to the Commission

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Subject: Global Gateway initiative

The Global Gateway initiative aims to offer a strategic alternative to China's Belt and Road Initiative. Funded by European taxpayers, it seeks to promote European values and interests worldwide.

However, media reports indicate that Chinese state-owned enterprises have won major contracts under EU-funded projects abroad. In some years, they reportedly secured more contract value financed by the European Investment Bank (EIB) than European firms.

This raises serious concerns about the responsible use of EU funds, the competitiveness of European industry, and the EU's strategic autonomy.

1. Can the Commission confirm the accuracy of recent media reports regarding Chinese companies being awarded contracts under Global Gateway and in EIB-funded projects, and clarify the extent of their involvement?
2. What measures is the Commission taking – both independently and in cooperation with the EIB – to ensure that EU-funded infrastructure projects do not benefit strategic competitors or undermine Europe's geopolitical and economic interests, and that European companies and workers benefit fairly from these initiatives?
3. What reforms to the EIB's procurement rules for non-EU projects could help block tenders based on unfair competition, such as incorporating principles from the Foreign Subsidies Regulation¹?

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¹ Regulation (EU) 2022/2560 of 14 December 2022 on foreign subsidies distorting the internal market, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2022/2560/oj>.