

**Question for written answer E-003348/2026
to the Commission**
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Subject: Will the Commission pursue its investigations in the face of Chinese pressure concerning JD.com's acquisition of Ceconomy?

Can Beijing prevent Europe from conducting investigations?

On 19 August 2026, the Chinese authorities ordered organisations and individuals under their jurisdiction not to cooperate with some parts of the Commission's investigation into the proposed acquisition of Ceconomy by the Chinese group JD.com. Beijing said that the investigation constituted 'unlawful extraterritorial jurisdiction measures' and threatened the EU with countermeasures.

In its investigation, the Commission is focusing in particular on potential Chinese subsidies that may have distorted competition in the context of the acquisition.

1. Does the Commission take the view that the measures taken by the Chinese authorities are likely to hinder its investigation in practice?
2. What legal and practical action can the Commission take to pursue its investigation effectively when the authorities of a third country order companies and individuals under their jurisdiction not to cooperate?
3. Does the Commission believe that the EU Foreign Subsidies Regulation provides it with the means it needs to act in situations like these, and is it considering tightening up the regulation if necessary?

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