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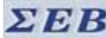


























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EU-China relations

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- 40 industrial and employers federations
- ASG members; sectoral organisations
- Missions
 - Promote the role of companies in Europe
 - Advocate a competitive business environment
 - Partner in the European Social Dialogue
 - Voice of Business for the future of Europe



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- **BUSINESSEUROPE Committees**
 - Economic and Financial Affairs; International Relations; Social Affairs; Industrial Affairs; Legal Affairs; Entrepreneurship & SMEs; and Internal Market
- **60 working groups**
 - Experts of member federations debate on a wide range of issues



Focus of the IR-department

- EU commercial policy (bilateral / WTO)
- EU external relations
- Customs legislation, export controls, raw materials



EU-China: some facts

Global recovery remains fragile

EU-China:

- 2nd largest trade partner (after US)
- Trade balance (2008):
 - EU imports: € 248 bn (goods)
 - EU exports: € 78 bn (goods)
- Foreign Direct Investment (2008):
 - EU inward investment to China: €4.5 billion
 - China inward investment to EU: €0.1 billion



“Buy China”

- Discrimination against foreign companies
- Not in line with anti-protectionism rhetoric / domino effect
- Hinders timely accession to WTO GPA



Market access / investment

- Establish stable and transparent framework
- Lift restrictions on investment
- Tackle problem of forced technology transfer



Compliance with international rules

- Implement WTO commitments (transparency, NTBs, etc.)
- WTO incompatible subsidies
- NTBs and standards: Chinese Compulsory Certification



IPR protection

- Scale of production of counterfeit / pirated goods remains alarmingly high
- Multilateral approach
- Ensure strict enforcement
- Reinforce customs controls



Access to raw materials

- China 3rd largest importer
- Export taxes / export restrictions



Climate change

- Participation of all major economies
- Avoid carbon leakage
- Reform Kyoto mechanisms
- Energy efficient products



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