

Meeting with François Godement, ECFR - Conseil Européen des Relations Internationales

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Mr Godement presented the objectives of his current research within ECFR, "EU-China power audit", to be finalized by the end of the year. The report is the result of consultations, reflections and interviews with EU and Chinese stakeholders on current and future EU-China relations in many fields. During the meeting we discussed the current state of bilateral relations after the summit on 3 July with focus on investment. I explained the current state of the negotiations for an EU-China Comprehensive Investment Agreement and the slow progress made in recent months. The recent EU-China summit held in Brussels on 3 July did not inject new political momentum and talks continue at political level. Mr Godement enquired about possible plans on an EU investment screening system as requested by DE, FR and IT. I explained that the issue was still under consideration and no decision taken yet.

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