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## Status of market economy to China: What political answers can be given to this legal straitjacket?

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With the consultation by the Commission, hearings at the European Parliament, corporate involvement and petitions, the status of China as a market economy is the focus of debate in Brussels. The temporary application (15 years) of specifically restrictive anti-dumping measures will soon be coming to an end. 12th December 2016 now seems to be a Damocles sword now seems to be hanging over many European businesses - two legal systems – that of the WTO and that of the EU – are struggling to work in harmony.

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#### Foundation :

##### 3rd edition of the Atlas of the European Union



The third edition of the Atlas of the European Union is a work of reference which presents the Union, its institutions, each of the 28 Member States and a new feature - their overseas territories, via their history, their culture and their reality... [Read more](#)

#### Financial Crisis :

##### France: budgetary stability programme 2016-2019

The French government unveiled its "budgetary stability programme" 2016-2019 on 13th April - a document designed for Brussels, should confirm Paris's commitment to bringing its government deficit below the 3% mark of the GDP in 2017... [Read more](#)



### The IMF publishes a negative bulletin on the world's economy



On 12th April the IMF published a pessimistic review of the world's economy, noting that growth would be 3.2% in 2016 and 3.5% in 2017. In the euro zone it would be 1.5% in 2016 and 1.6% in 2017... [Read more](#)

### G20 Finance Conclusions Washington



The industrialised and emerging powers of the G20 re-iterated the importance on 15th April of "the priority granted to financial transparency" and asked the OECD to pinpoint the tax havens that were refusing to cooperate with the international community by July this year... [Read more](#)

### Euro zone economic outlook



On 12th April three statistics institutes INSEE (France), ISTAT (Italy) and IFO (Germany) published their economic outlook for the euro zone... [Read more](#)

## Migration :

### The Pope visits Lesbos



On 16th April Pope Francis visited the Greek island of Lesbos to meet refugees and to speak of the migratory crisis. He decided to host twelve Syrian refugees at the Vatican six of whom are children... [Read more](#)

### Law on integration of refugees in Germany



On 14th April the German government approved measures surrounding the integration of refugees, their rights and their duties... [Read more](#)

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### Migratory Crisis: assessment of Greece's action plan



On 12th April the Commission adopted its assessment of the Greek authorities' action plan on the country's shortcomings in the management of its external borders... [Read more](#)

### Surge in Migrant Arrivals in Italy



Nearly 6,000 migrants arrived in Italy between 12th and 15th April ie nearly the total of all arrivals in Europe this week according to the International Organisation for Migration (IOM)... [Read more](#)

### Assessment of relocation and resettlement policies

On 12th April the European Commission made its first assessment of the action undertaken by the Member States as part of the refugee



crisis... [Read more](#)

### A centralised asylum system



MEPs adopted a resolution on 12th April in support of a centralised asylum system for an improved management of flows of migrants and asylum seekers... [Read more](#)

### Commission :

#### Improvement of the social situation and employment in the EU



On 12th April the European Commission published its quarterly spring review on the social situation and employment in the EU... [Read more](#)

#### Public Income tax rules for multinationals



On 12th April the European Commission published a proposal on tax evasion which would oblige multinational companies to be more transparent about their profits and their taxes... [Read more](#)

### Parliament :

#### Approval of PNR files and data protection



On 14th April MEPs adopted successively the directive on the regulation of passenger data use, 461 votes in support, 179 against and 9 abstentions and the new European measures on data protection... [Read more](#)

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#### Strengthening of business secrecy



On 14th April businesses and the press achieved the support of MEPs who adopted new rules regarding business secrecy 503 votes in support, 131 against and 18 abstentions... [Read more](#)

#### Additional funds to aid refugees and to counter terrorism



MEPs voted in 13th April in support of additional funds of 100 million € to help refugees and 2 million € for recruitment within the European Centre to counter terrorism... [Read more](#)

#### Warning to the Polish authorities



On 13th April MEPs approved a resolution calling on the Polish authorities to implement fully the Venice Commission's recommendations on the independence of the Constitutional Court of Poland... [Read more](#)

### Council :

#### Conclusions of the Foreign Affairs Council



The 28 Foreign Affairs Ministers who met on 18th April spoke of the need to strengthen their work in the Central and Eastern Mediterranean, the two main migratory routes at present. They expressed their satisfaction at the arrival of the Council of the Presidency in Libya on 30th March. They gave details of the "real projects" that will support the new government of national unity in the economic and security areas. Finally they discussed the Eastern Partnership. ... [Read more](#)

## European Agencies :

### News from the ExoMars probe



The Russian-European probe "ExoMars 2016", which is on its way to the red planet is in "excellent health" and sent its first pictures showing a starry sky announced the European Space Agency (ESA) on 14th April... [Read more](#)

### Privacy data shield between the EU and the USA



The European regulation authorities deemed on 13th April that the agreement between the EU and the USA regarding personal data was far from satisfactory... [Read more](#)

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## Ireland :

### In the Ireland the formation of a government is proving difficult



On Thursday 14th April the Irish Parliament did not succeed in coming to agreement over a government for the country. This was the third investiture debate the Assembly had held since the elections on February 26th. Neither the outgoing Prime Minister Enda Kenny nor his direct rival, Micheál Martin (Fianna Fáil), leader of the opposition succeeded in forming a vital consensus for any investiture. Putting a government together remains difficult. The Labour Party seems to have some reservations about renewing its participation in the government coalition and opposes the investiture of a minority government led by Enda Kenny... [Read more](#)

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## Luxembourg :

### Inauguration of the Robert Schuman Institution



On 11th April the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg inaugurated the Robert Schuman Institute for European Affairs at the University of Luxembourg... [Read more](#)

## The Netherlands :

### Final results of the consultative referendum on the EU-Ukraine Agreement



The Central Electoral Committee of the Netherlands published the official results of the consultative referendum on the EU-Ukraine Agreement on 12th April (61% against and 38.21% in support)... [Read more](#)

## UK :

### Official launch of the referendum campaign



On 15th April the campaign in view of the referendum on 23rd June was launched. The British Electoral Commission appointed "The In Campaign" to lead the campaign in support of staying in the EU and the "Vote Leave" to undertake that advocating Britain's exit... [Read more](#)

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### Meeting between NATO's Secretary General and David Cameron



On 14th April NATO's Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg met British Prime Minister David Cameron to discuss the way NATO was adapting to present security challenges... [Read more](#)

## Macedonia :

### Demonstrators against the President

Since 13th April in Skopje demonstrators have been protesting against the Macedonian President's decision to grant amnesty to political



figures involved in an illegal phone tapping scandal, and against the decision to organise a snap election on 5th June... [Read more](#)

#### Russia :

##### Vladimir Putin's Press Conference



On 14th April Russian President Vladimir Putin held his 14th question and answer session on Russian television... [Read more](#)

##### Russian provocation over the Baltic Sea



The American army denounced the manoeuvres of Russian fighter planes over the Baltic Sea, likewise the Polish spokesperson at the Polish Defence Ministry on 18th April... [Read more](#)

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The appointment of the leader of the Ukrainian Parliament, Volodymyr Groïisman as the new Prime Minister of Ukraine was approved on 14th April by Parliament... [Read more](#)

#### Council of Europe :

##### Freedom of the press and the protection of journalism



On 13th April the Council of Europe adopted the guidelines aiming to ensure the protection of the freedom of the press and the safety of journalists in the 47 Member States... [Read more](#)

##### Downturn in the Human Rights situation in Turkey



On 14th April after a visit to Turkey the Council of Europe's Commissioner for Human Rights denounced the worsening human rights situation in Turkey... [Read more](#)

##### Report by the Council of Europe on Human Rights in Crimea



On 13th April Ambassador Gérard Stoudmann presented the report on his recent mission to assess the human rights situation in Crimea undertaken in January 2016 to the Committee of Ministers at the Council of Europe... [Read more](#)

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#### OECD :

##### European countries are leading countries in Public Development Aid



2015 figures relative to Public Development Aid published by the OECD on 13th April place 19 EU Member in the Development Aid Committee (DAC) of the OECD as the "first donors" in 2015 (73.5 billion \$) ahead of the USA (31.5 billion \$)... [Read more](#)

#### Eurostat :

##### Euro zone and EU inflation rates up

The euro zone and EU's annual inflation rates lay at 0% in March 2016, against -0.2% and -0.1% respectively in February... [Read more](#)



### Trade surplus up in the EU, down in the euro zone



In February, according to Eurostat, the euro zone registered a surplus in its international goods and services trade of 19 billion € and the EU 3 billion € (against 20 billion € and 1.8 billion € in February 2015)... [Read more](#)

### Studies/Reports :

#### Publication of the annual report on the G20



On 13th April the DG Economy and Finance at the European Commission published its annual report on the advantages of belonging to the G20... [Read more](#)

#### Transatlantic Economy in 2016



Dan Hamilton and Jo Quinlan have published their study on the transatlantic economy 2016 laying out in detail the investments and trade flows between the USA and the EU... [Read more](#)

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#### European Strategy and Defence



The European Union's Institute for Security Studies (EUISS) has just published two studies on Europe's overall defence and strategy... [Read more](#)

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### Culture :

#### European Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art



Until 4th September the Museum for Modern Art in Frankfurt is hosting a temporary Imagined Museum using loans from two other European modern and contemporary art museums - the Pompidou Centre and the Tate... [Read more](#)

#### Apollinaire, the vision of the poet



Until 18th July the Orangerie Museum in Paris is hosting an exhibition "Apollinaire, the vision of the poet", in reference to the period during which Guillaume Apollinaire was an art critic... [Read more](#)

#### Sigmar Polke Exhibition at the Grassi Palazzo



On the occasion of the tenth anniversary of its re-opening, the Grassi Palazzo in Venice is hosting an exhibition until 6th November devoted to Sigmar Polke... [Read more](#)

#### Exhibition on the Rolling Stones in London



Until 4th September the Saatchi Gallery in London is presenting its first international exhibition on the Rolling Stones entitled "Exhibitionism"... [Read more](#)

#### Shakespeare at the National Opera of Warsaw



The Grand Theatre-National Opera of Warsaw is organising a series of productions on the occasion of the 400th anniversary of William Shakespeare: The Tempest, Hamlet and Romeo and Juliet... [Read more](#)



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"Foreign Affairs" Council



21st April  
Luxembourg  
Justice and Internal Affairs Council  
Frankfurt/Main  
ECB Council of Governors



22nd April  
New York  
Opening of Paris Agreement (COP 21) to signature at the UN  
Amsterdam  
Eurogroup Meeting



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Austria  
Presidential election (1st round)  
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