

China in Europe: Lessons from the case of Italy

*Friday 3rd December, h11.00-12.30
Centre for European Policy Studies, Brussels*

AGENDA

10.45-11.00

Welcome coffee

11.00-11.10

Welcome remarks (5'):

Steven Blockmans, Director of Research, CEPS

Introduction (5'):

Riccardo Alcaro, Research Coordinator and Head, Global Actors Programme, IAI

11.10-11.40

Speakers:

Beatrice Gallelli, Senior China Fellow, IAI: the Italian case (10-15')

Guiding questions:

- What are the risks of China's presence and investments in Italy, especially in the framework of the Belt & Road Initiative?
- Which risks have materialized into threats, and which ones have proven exaggerated or unfounded?
- What lessons can we draw for the EU from the Italian case

Stefania Benaglia, Associate Researcher, CEPS & Weinian Hu, Research Fellow, CEPS: the soft power dimension (10-15')

Guiding questions:

- How the Chinese soft power influenced EU policy making?
- What have been their most effective soft power achievements?
- What are Chinese most influential tools in soft power?
- EU 'community interest' test whereby China+EU business' interest could influence the EU's decision-making, e.g. lift anti-dumping duties, green light an investment project.

11.40-12.30

Open debate

12.30-13

Light lunch