

White paper EU commission on foreign subsidies and acquisition

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Topics for the lunch debate

- White paper addresses loopholes in WTO regulation :
 - WTO only deals with Trade & Investment when investment relates to goods
 - WTO does not deal with investment by foreign companies and subsidization
- EU white paper versus multilateral changes of WTO rules?
- Is White paper in contradiction with WTO or complementary?
- Purpose of White paper is not necessary to prohibit foreign subsidies but should be in line with what is allowed for EU members (level-playing field)

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- What is main purpose of White paper?
 - Prohibition of control by foreigners (outside EU) only in last resort
 - Scrutiny of foreign subsidies to safeguard EU interest
- How will the EU interest Test be implemented? What is Single market distortion?
 - Does control only refer to the the aquiree?
 - Does control also refer to concentration of market shares in the sector?
- Does the white paper refer to all sectors?
 - When there is a security threat, FDI screening regulation applies
 - When there is not a security threat, will all sectors be treated in the same way?