The Belt and Road Initiative and Global Tax Governance

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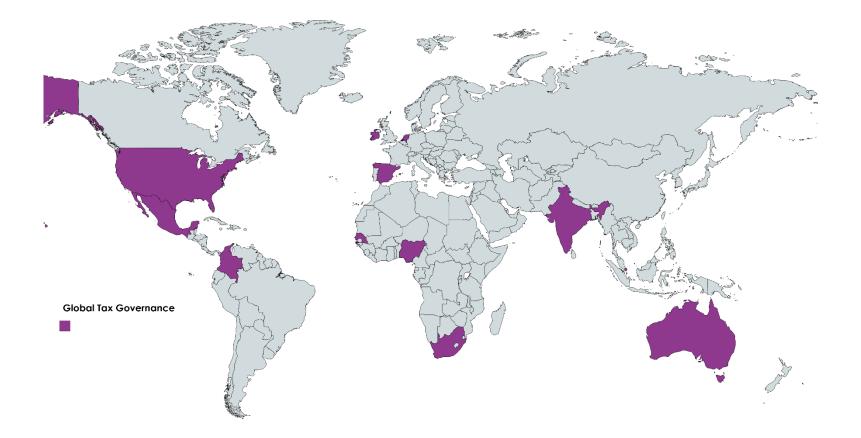
China: Economic Global Governance



GLOBTAXGOV RESEARCH QUESTION

Under what conditions can the OECD-G20 and the EU models of global tax governance be feasible and legitimate for both developed and developing countries?

Global Tax Governance: GLOBTAXGOV



OBJECTIVE

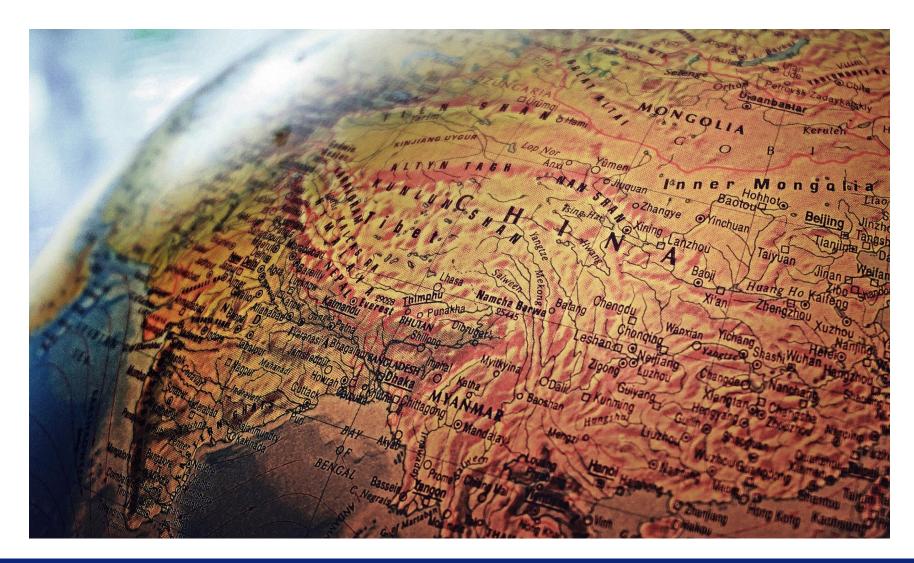
Fair and efficient corporate taxation

Better-tailored partnerships

New model of Governance



Belt and Road Initiative



China rise to global economic governance

Investment

Land (Latin America, Africa).

See Irma Mosquera Regulatory framework for land acquisition in sub-Saharan Africa. A comparative study. Background paper. European Report on Development. <u>https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/sites/devco/files/erd-consca-dev-researchpapers-mosquera-20110101_en.pdf</u>

Infrastructure projects (Sri-Lanka, Kenya)

Maria Adele Carrai. Will the Belt and Road Initiative change China's stance on sovereignty and non-interference? <u>https://globtaxgov.weblog.leidenuniv.nl/2019/02/08/will-the-belt-and-road-initiative-change-chinas-stance-on-sovereignty-and-non-interference/</u>

China rise to global economic governance

Taxation

- G20 Member
- BRICS Country
- Bilateral Double tax treaties
- Base Erosion and Profit Shifting BEPS
 - Inclusive Framework
 - Multilateral instrument to modify bilateral tax treaties (102 treaties)

EU – China

EU – China: European Commission Vice-President Jyrki Katainen speech at Belt and Road Forum Leaders' Round Table Beijing, 16/05/2017

A level-playing field for trade and investment is a critical condition if we want to maintain the political momentum and support for better connectivity between Europe and Asia.

China is at one end of the 'Belt and Road' – Europe is at the other. Done the right way, more investment in cross-border links could unleash huge growth potential with benefits for us all.

EU- China 2020 Strategic Agenda for Cooperation

Commit to reach an agreement on the adoption of the Global Standard on **Automatic Exchange of Information** being developed by the OECD together with G20 countries in the area of taxation.

EU - China

- It should be an **open initiative** based on market rules and international standards.
- It should include **all modes of transport**, as well as digital and energy and people-to-people contacts.
- It should **complement existing networks and policies**. In the EU's case, we have decades of experience with the Trans- European Networks, which are now being extended into our neighbourhood, East and South.
- European and Asian infrastructure should not be designed in isolation. We need to build **a true network and not a patchwork.**
- Infrastructure networks must be **interoperable**. We want to bring down barriers, not create new ones.
- Transparency on our plans and activities must be the basis for our cooperation, and all partners should have a fair say about where the priorities lie. Multilateral frameworks like ASEM, should be used wherever possible.
- **Sustainability** is essential: projects must be economically viable, fiscally and socially responsible, as well as climate and environment-friendly.
- We must use **the wisdom of the multilateral banks**, whose decades of experience makes them an invaluable partner for new institutions such as the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank.
- We should ensure that **there are real benefits** for all stakeholders. Not only for countries, but also for economic operators, who should have a fair chance to compete for business through open, transparent and non-discriminatory procurement procedures.

 $https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/china/26154/european-commission-vice-president-jyrki-katainen-speech-belt-and-road-forum-leaders-round_en$

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