



China in Europe Research Network (CHERN) - CA 18215

Foreign Investment Screening in the European Union (CHERN WG1)

Basics

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The tentative length of the STSM: cca 1 month (from July to September 2021)

Call's description and objectives

The EU FDI Screening Regulation, which has become fully operational on 11 October 2020, is aimed at protecting the EU's autonomy in the strategic sectors from possible threats to public security and public order stemming from the foreign investments. The EU FDI Screening Regulation established a framework for the Member States and the European Commission to share information and coordinate the screening of foreign investments into the EU. At the same time, the national FDI screening regimes of the Member States have multiple divergencies in terms of sectors/industries covered, notification thresholds, applicable procedures, competent institutions, etc. Chinese companies, especially the Chinese state-owned enterprises, investing in the EU face increased regulatory scrutiny when their investments trigger FDI screening. The study aims at assessing the existing regulatory divergencies and appreciating their impact on the functioning of the cooperation mechanism under the EU FDI Screening Regulation.

Objectives and Assignments:

- Collecting related legal information on FDI screening legislation in the selected Member States;
- Conducting interviews with national FDI screening authorities and practicing lawyers in the selected EU Member States;
- Gathering current intelligence on FDI screening, such as media articles, announcements, reports, etc.

Call's specific requirements

In addition to COST rules (see section "Who is eligible to be an STSM Applicant" in the [STSM BASIC FACTS](#)), the candidate should have:

- Familiarity with EU investment law and EU FDI Screening Regulation;
- Prior experience with comparative (legal) research;
- A good command of English, an additional European language will be an asset.

Results

- Working paper containing comparative analysis of the FDI screening frameworks of the selected Member States;
- Database containing information on the key features of the FDI screening frameworks of the selected Member States;
- Requirements by COST Organization or CHERN Action (for details see section »How does it work?« in the [STSM BASIC FACTS](#)).

Practical details

All applicants must carefully read the [STSM instructions](#) on the CHERN website before applying.

Pandemic restrictions would mean that initial meetings and activities would be done remotely. As restrictions lift, we hope that a visit to Host institution during summer/early autumn months of 2021 might be possible. The exact dates and timing shall be determined together with the selected applicant.

Deadlines

Deadline for applications to be submitted: **June 5, 2021**

Notification of application outcome: June 20, 2021

Period of STSM: cca **1 month** (the length and exact timing will be determined together with the host institution)

Submitting the reports: **within 30 days from the end date**

Accepting/ rejecting the reports: **within 2 weeks** after submission of the report

Execution of the payment of the grant: **within 4 weeks** after submission of the report.

More information

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