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Navigating the Geopolitics of Tech: What's Happening in Europe and the UK

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Europe: Sitting on the Fence?

Germany
(poll by Pew)

- **More important to have close relations with?**

  US 37%

  China 36%

Netherlands
(poll by Clingendael)

- **Who do you see as a threat?**

  US 29%

  China 35%

EU’s 5G Toolbox

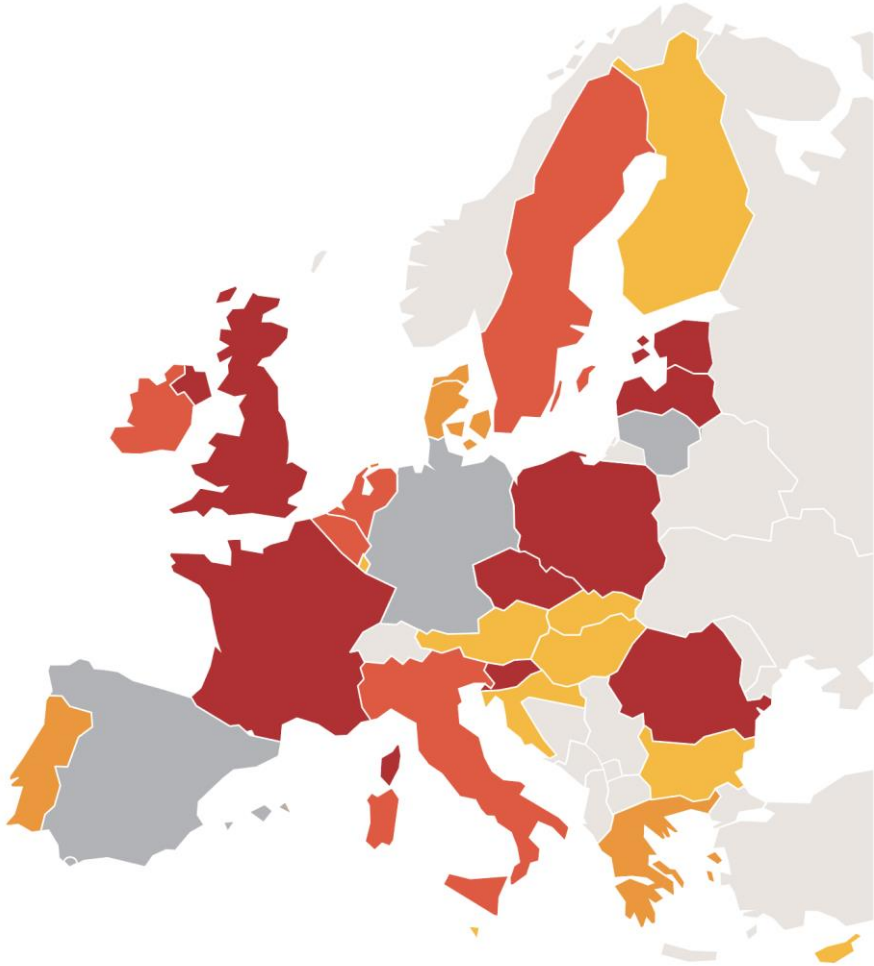
- Spelt out supplier specific vulnerabilities, including likelihood of being subject to interference by Government lack of democratic checks and balances
- As well as overall quality of products and cybersecurity practices ability to assure supply

5G Infrastructure in Europe

2020 is a decisive year for Huawei in the EU*

Some countries have excluded the supplier from their 5G build up, others are undecided

- No restrictions in place or expected
- Partial restrictions due to carriers' choice
- Partial restrictions in place or expected
- Huawei being de-facto excluded
- Undecided



Note: Timeline includes selected events, UK still considered EU member state (transition period still ongoing)

Source: MERICS 6 September 2020

What is China Up To?

- Managing their interdependencies; promoting their vision
- Regulatory diplomacy
- ‘Coercive’ diplomacy

Europe's Response?

- Competitor and Rival
- Promoting 'Fair Trade and Investment' Screening FDI and acquisitions
- Investing in tech resilience ('strategic autonomy')

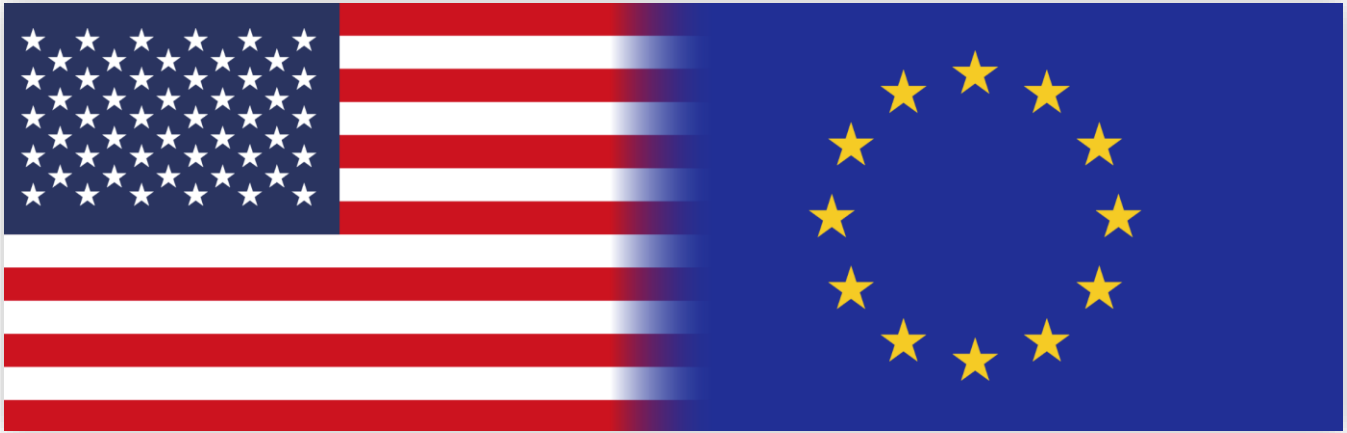
EU / US: What Divides Us?

- **Regulation** (what is the precautionary principle?)
- **Industrial policy** (how autonomous?)
- **Protecting Fundamental Rights** (fallout from Schrems)

What About the UK After Brexit?

What Unites Us?

- Our differences pale in comparison with differences with China
- Tech consistent with our values
- Building alliances



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