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# One Belt One Road Initiative

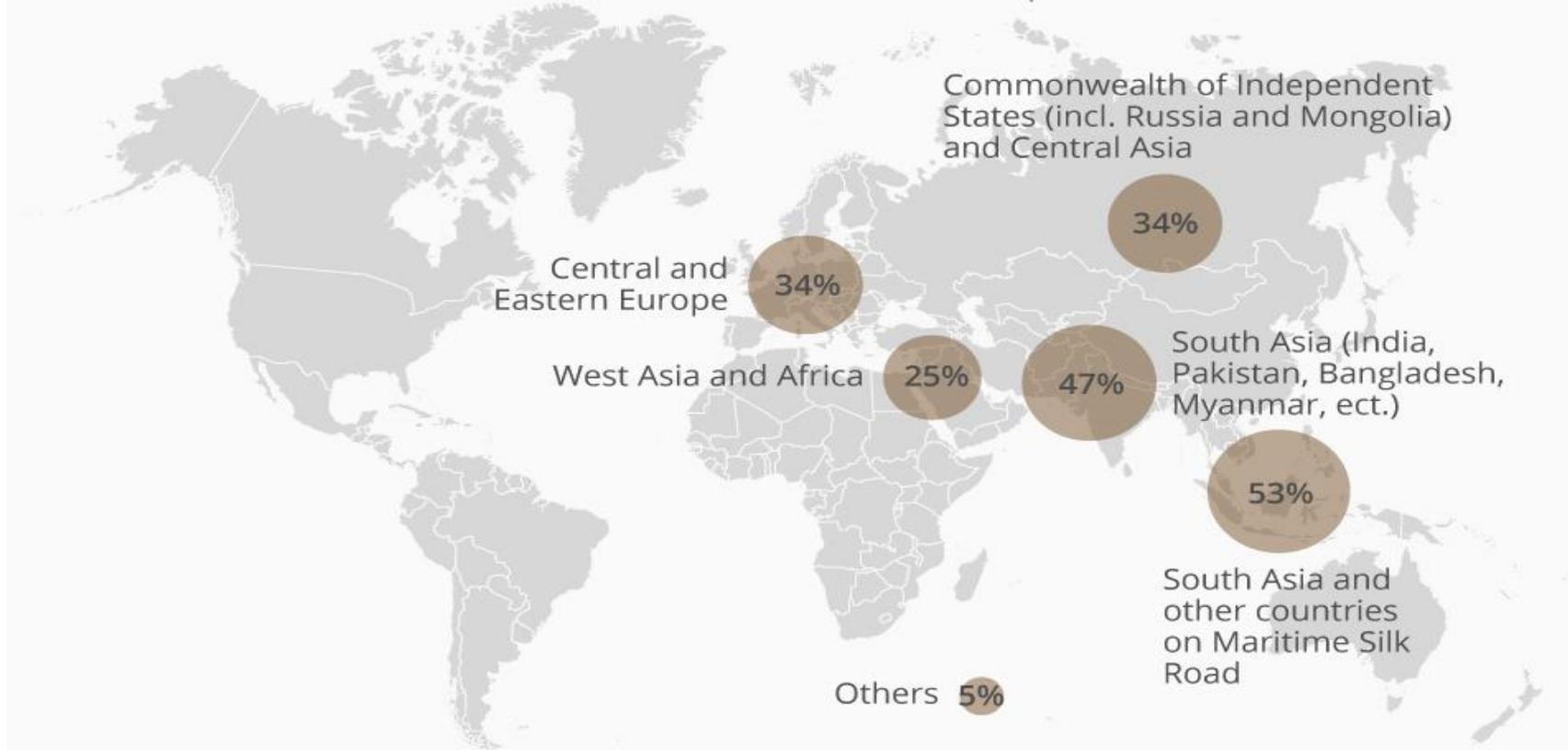
- A strategy promoted by Xi Jinping in 2013. It incorporates 65 countries and accounts for 40% of the world GDP.
- Two goals:
  1. Fostering **trade** among the European and Asian countries;
  2. Providing **liquidity** for infrastructural projects.
- It encompasses tighter commercial, financial, political and cultural ties. Indeed, China has signed **cooperation** agreements with **40+ countries**.
- Chinese investments in the infrastructures, namely ports, railways etc. in crucial countries through the **Silk Road Fund**.



# Share of BRI investment destinations

## China's Belt and Road investment map

Share of BRI investment destinations for state-owned enterprises as of 2017



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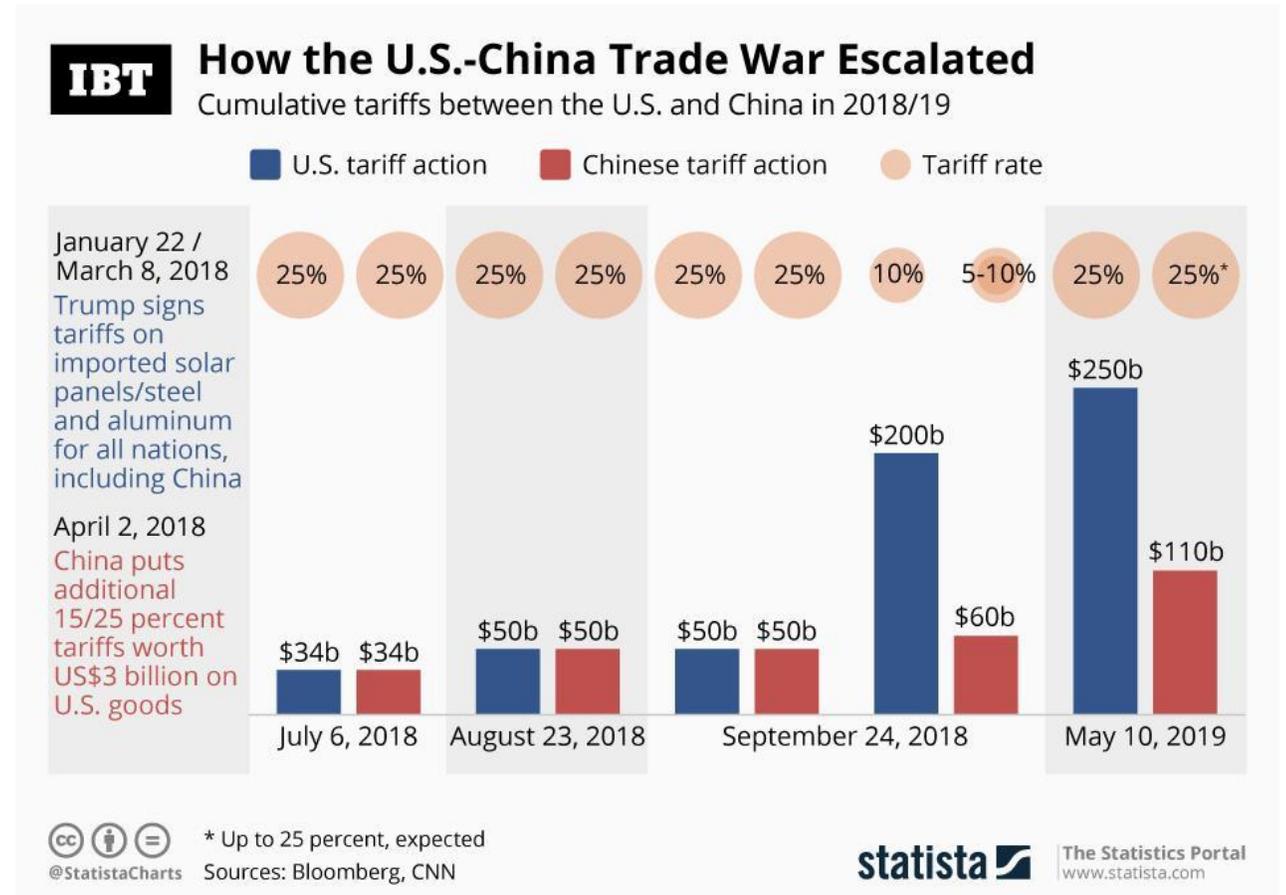


# The containment strategy of the United States

- The United States considers the initiative as an **economic aggression**. Therefore, it has enforced several tranches of **tariffs** on Chinese imports.

- March 2018: tariffs on Chinese products worth 60\$ billion targeting steel (tariff of 25%) and aluminum (tariff of 10%);
- July 2018: tariffs of **25%** on 818 categories of goods worth 50\$ billion (car, medical equipment, chemicals, aircraft parts);
- September 2018: tariffs of **10%** on 200\$ billion worth of Chinese goods (plastics, metals, leather handbags).
- May 2019: tariffs' increase from 10% to **25%** on the 200\$ billion worth of Chinese imports.

- China retaliatory tariffs → commercial war, thus **decrease** in the world GDP.



# EU – China: towards a commercial partnership

The European Union aims at exploiting the One Belt One Road Initiative to sign a commercial partnership based on the fair competition and reciprocity.

- “**Connecting Europe & Asia: the EU strategy**”
  1. Combination between the Chinese infrastructures and the TEN-T (*Trans-European Networks- Transport*);
  2. Interventions on energy, digital, transport and financial sectors;
  3. Reciprocity and No dumping.

**BUT**

Necessity of a dialogue on the **human rights**.

- In the China – EU summit in April 2019, the EU has demanded the Chinese ratification of the International Covenant on the Civil and Political Rights.
- One Belt One Road could have **spillover effects**: a new understanding of the human rights in China.



# BRI in the Euro – Mediterranean area

Mediterranean area as a **strategic junction** for the international trade.

- 4€ billion of Chinese investments in ports and terminals of the Mediterranean.
- One Belt One Road aims at fostering economic growth and creating a stable political environment.

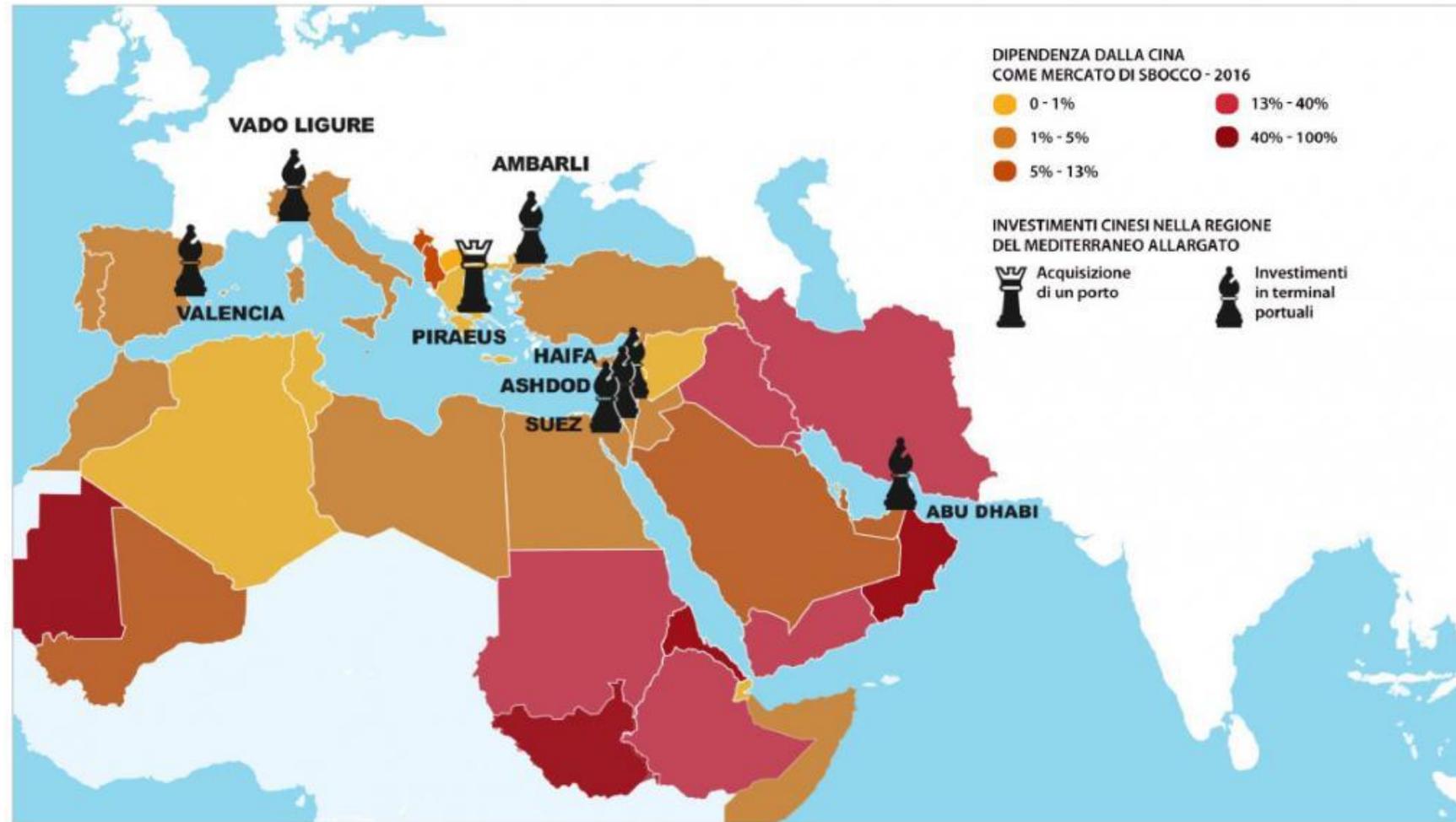
Italy?

- 22 March 2019: Memorandum between Italy and China → Chinese investments worth **2.5€ billion**.
  1. Enhancing competitiveness of the two largest ports, Trieste and Genoa;
  2. Channeling liquidity in the ports of the Southern Italy.
- China investment in the port of Palermo worth 5€ billion → Palermo as the main economic hub in the Mediterranean.



# Chinese investments in the Mediterranean

Gli investimenti cinesi nella regione del Mediterraneo allargato e la dipendenza dal mercato cinese  
(= Import China/Country total export)





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