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“Asian Interests in EU Policy Making”

Several attempts have been made in the last decade to strengthen relations between the EU and Asia. As a result, it has become more important for Asian interests to strengthen their representation in Brussels and devote more attention towards policies adopted at the EU level. However, up to now little systematic evidence has been gathered how strongly Asian interests participate in EU decision-making. Therefore the purpose of the paper is to make a first analysis of the participation of Asian interests in the online consultations of the European Commission. It compares the participation of Asian with other non-EU interests in these consultations in different types of policy. The analysis is made using a dataset of participation in the online consultations of the European Commission in 21 different policy areas during the last ten years.