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A Chinese soldier watches a warship take part in military drills off the coast of Taiwan on Aug. 5. © Xinhua/Kyodo

# De Straat van Taiwan anno 2023: Blik op een kruitvat

# Inhoud

Belgische en EU relaties met Taiwan

De dreiging van conflict

De situatie van Taiwan anno 2023



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# ■ Relaties met Taiwan

# Kader

## 1-China beleid

Overheid van de Volksrepubliek China erkend als enige overheid van China

Geen unilaterale wijziging van status quo

## Praktische samenwerking met Taiwan

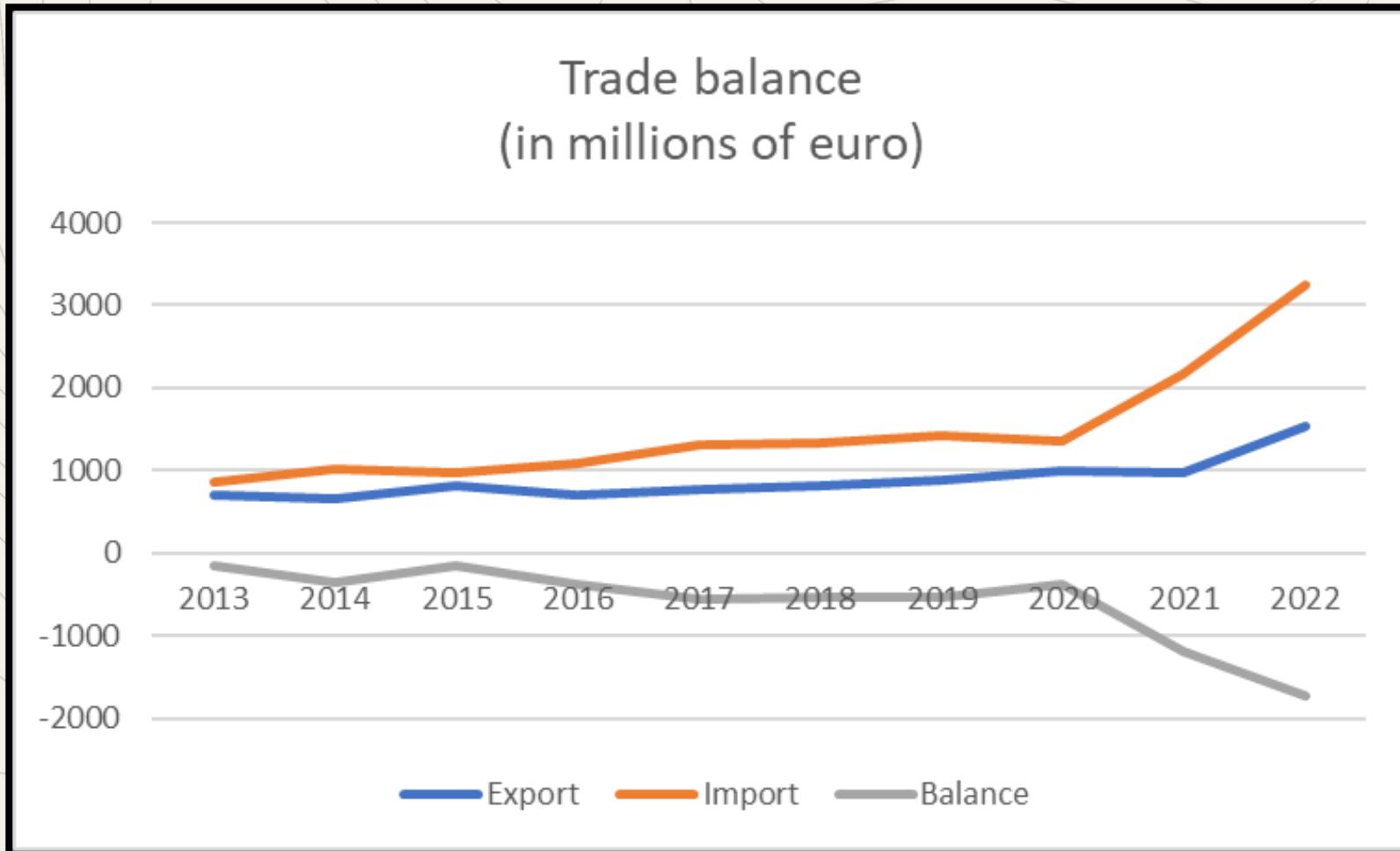
Vlaanderen: Memorandum van Overeenstemming van 19 januari 2022

onderwijs, volksgezondheid en welzijn, milieubeleid, innovatie, schone technologieën, bedrijven en investeringen, werkgelegenheid en beroepsopleiding, wetenschap en hernieuwbare energie

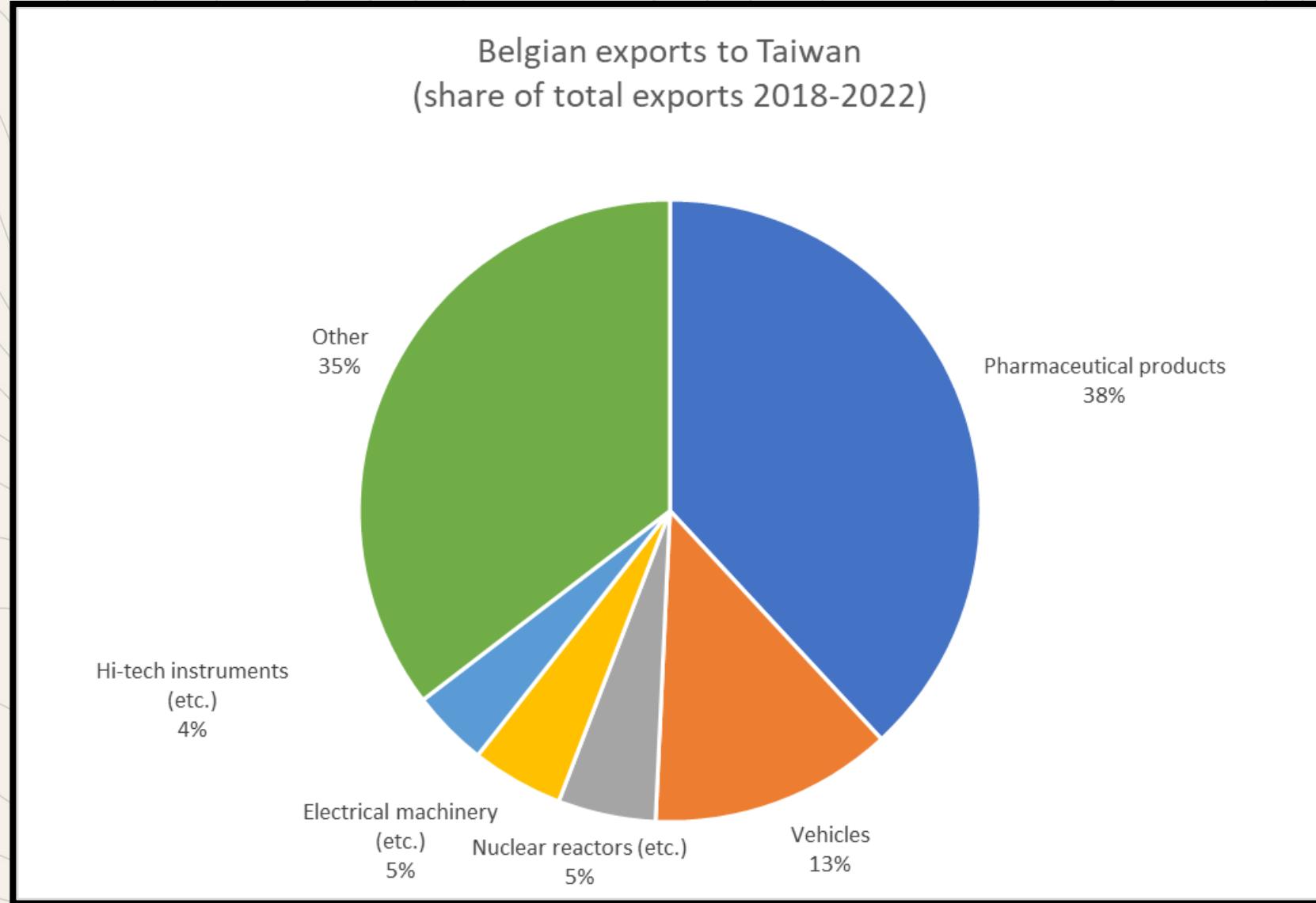


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29ste leverancier en  
41ste  
uitvoerbestemming



Bron: Tradexplorer van het Agentschap Buitenlandse Handel  
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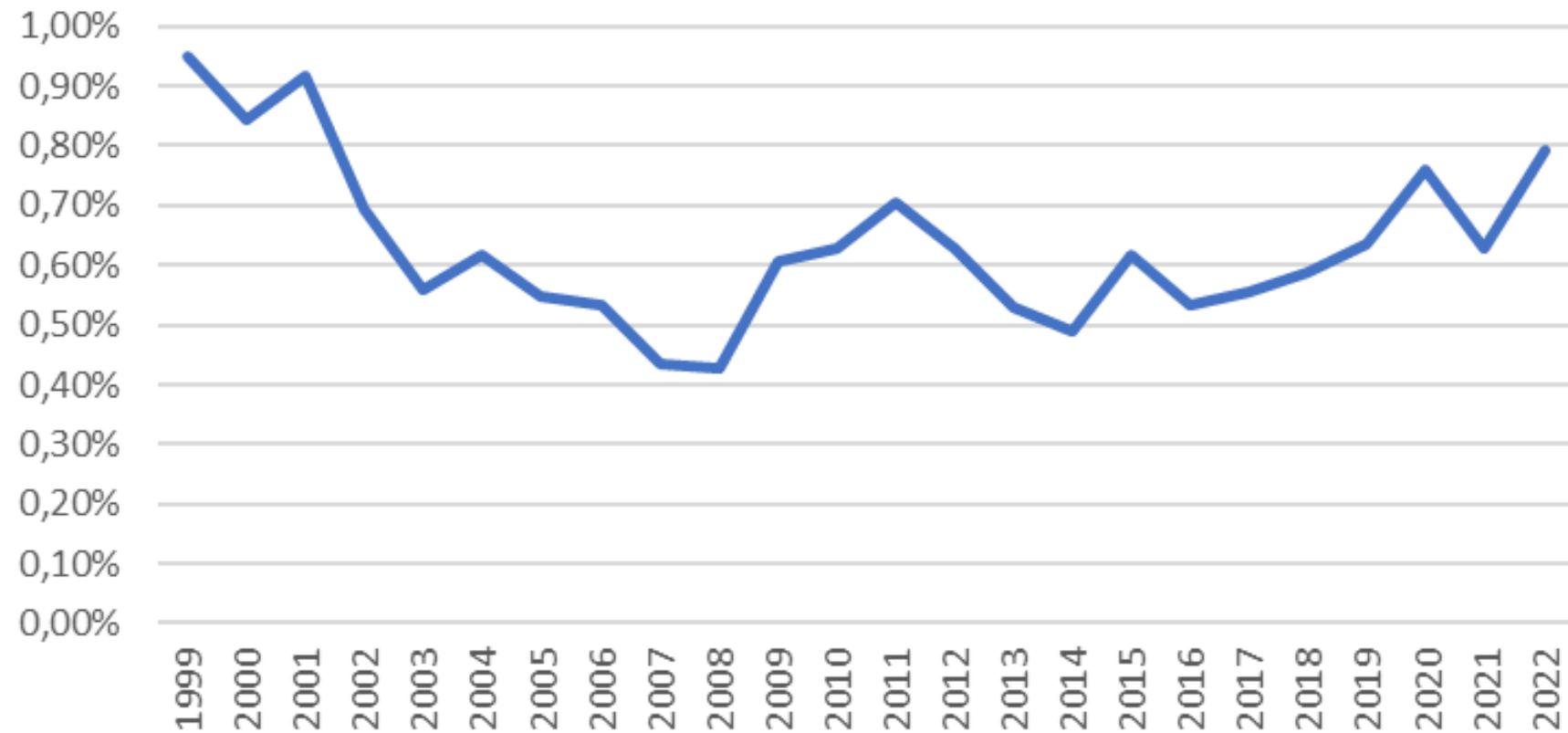
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## Share exports from Belgium to Taiwan (percentage of total exports to non-EU countries)



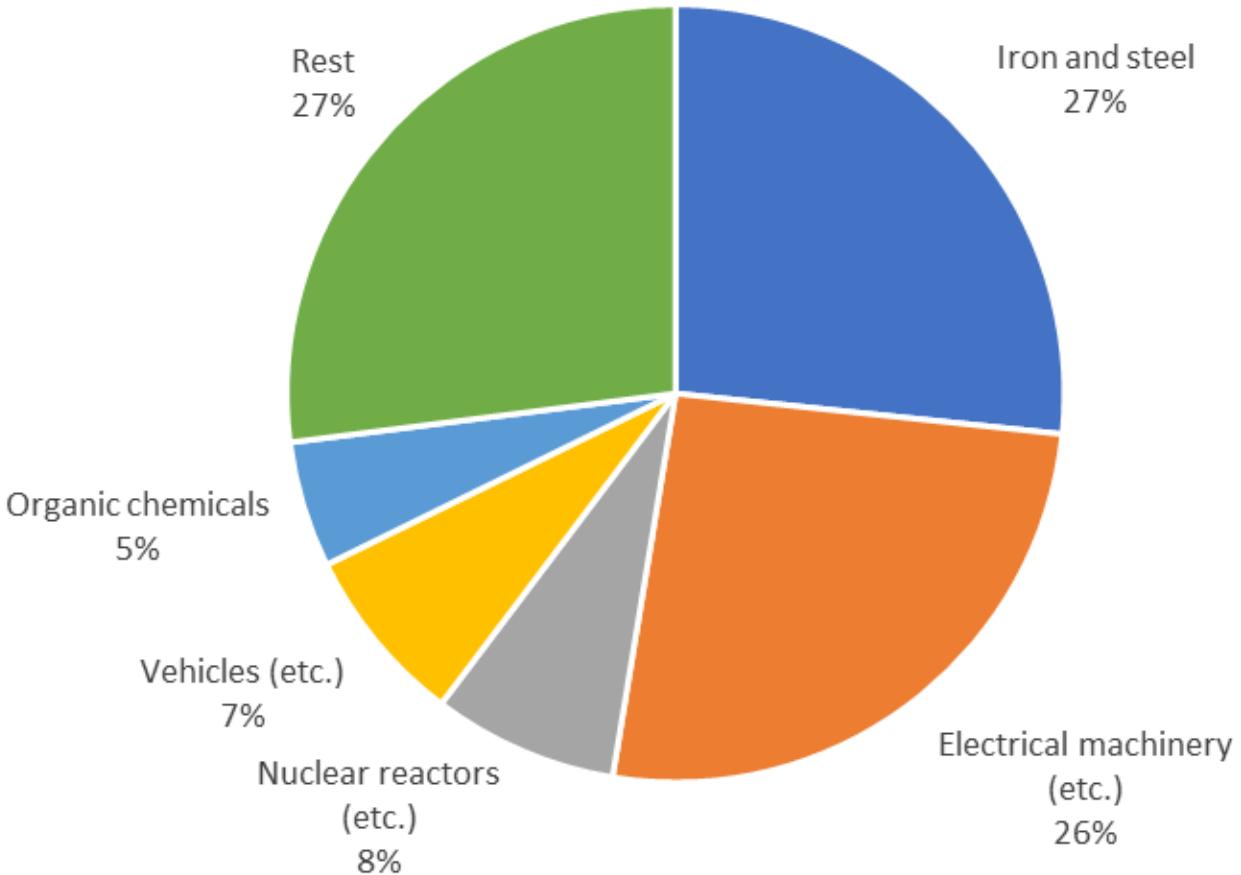
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## Taiwanese exports to Belgium (share of total value of exports 2018-2022)



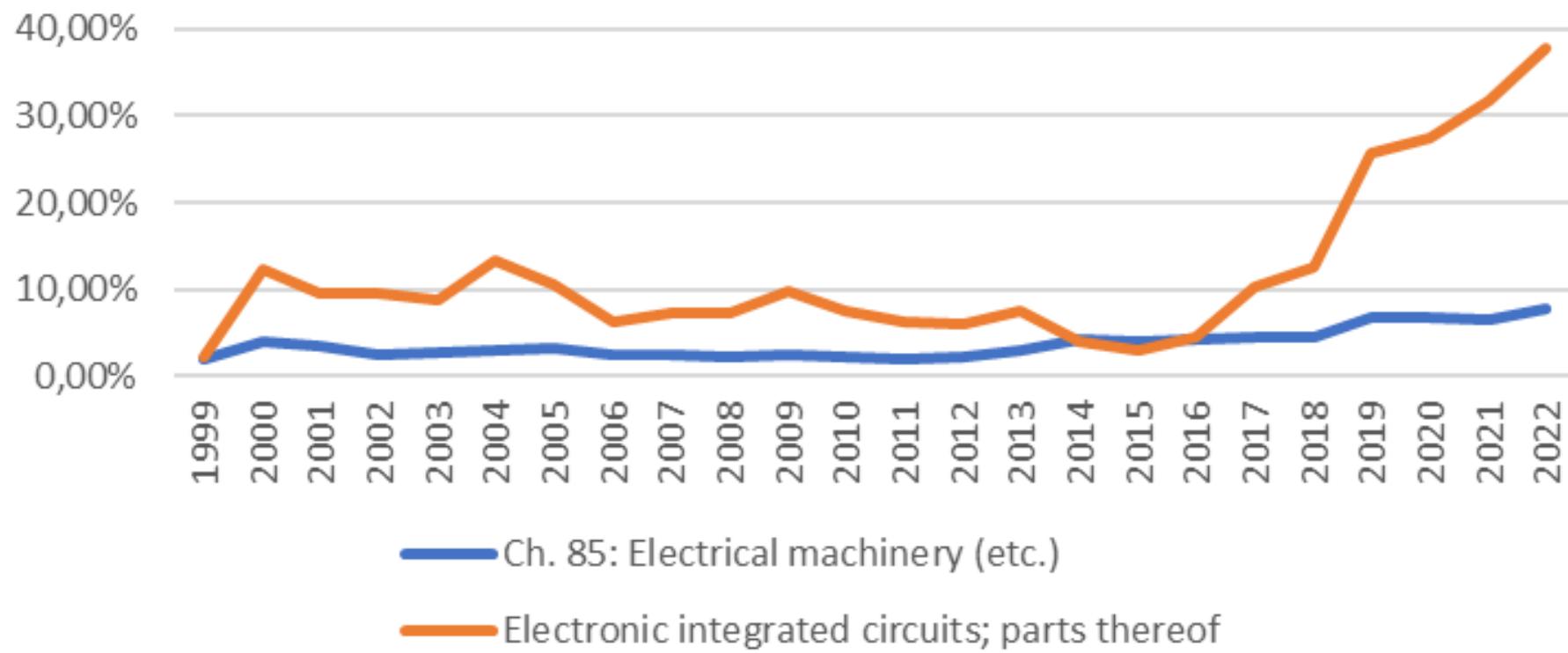
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## Taiwanese market share in Belgian semiconductor imports (percentage of non-EU import from Taiwan)



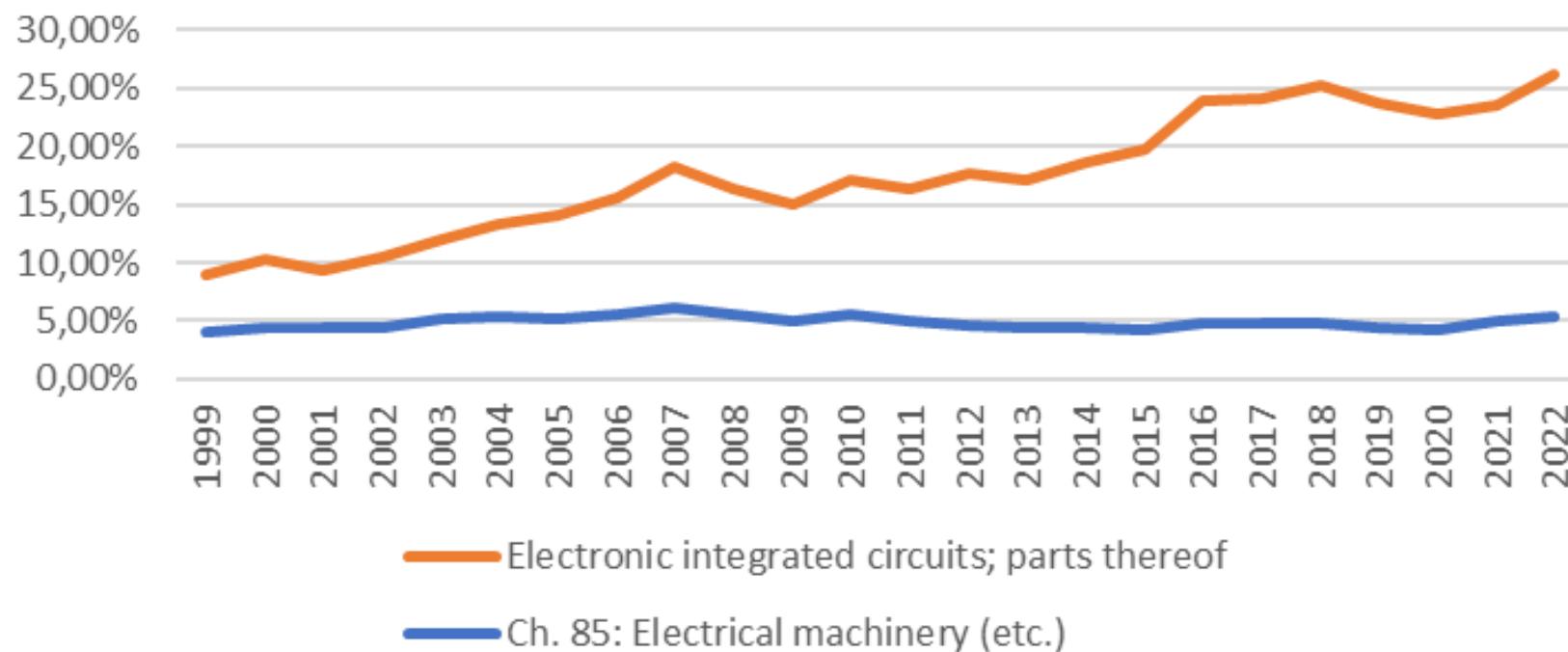
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## Taiwanese market share in EU semiconductor imports (percentage of non-EU import from Taiwan)



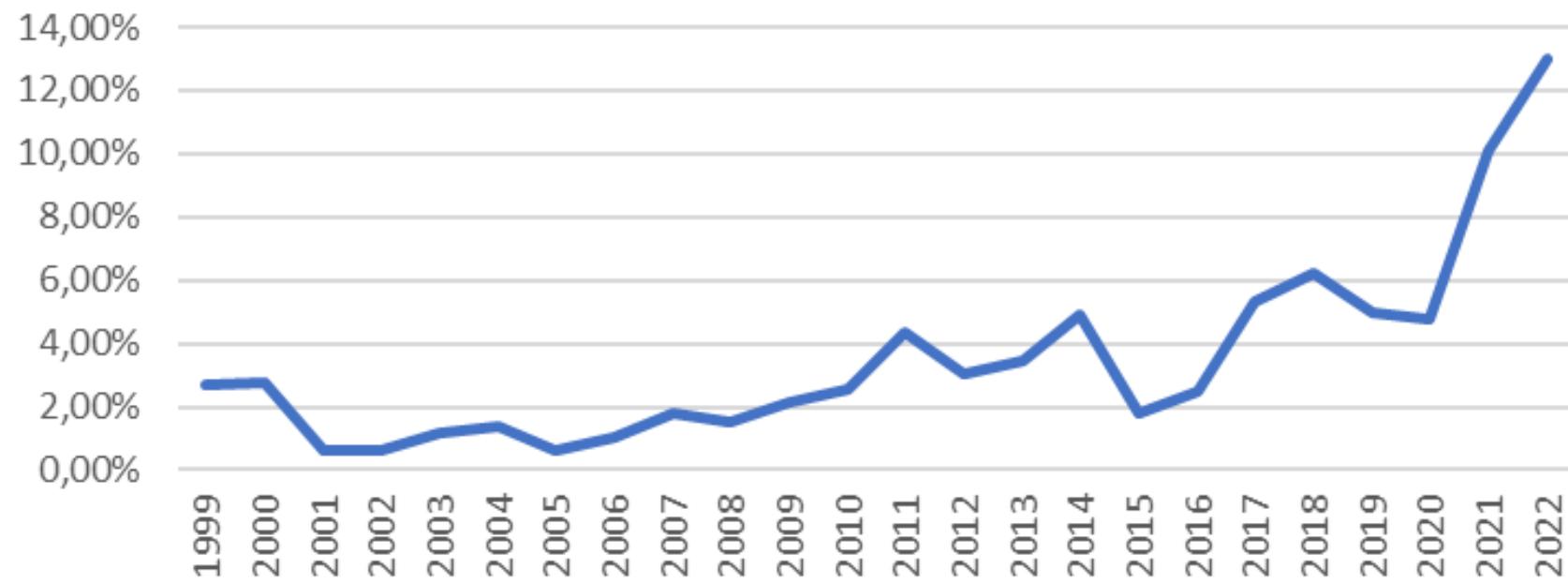
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## Taiwanese market share in iron and steel imports of Belgium (percentage of total value of non-EU import of iron and steel)



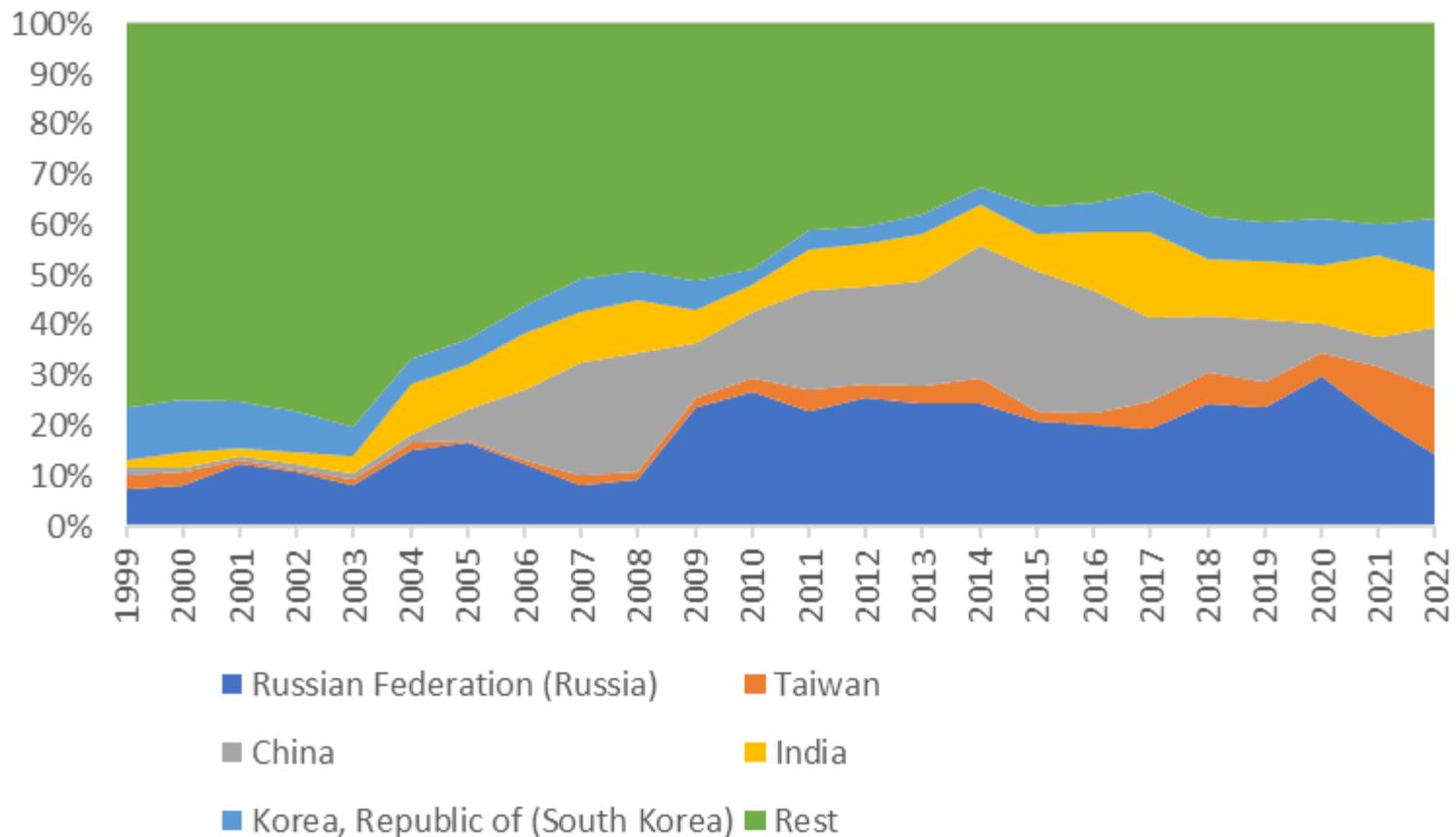
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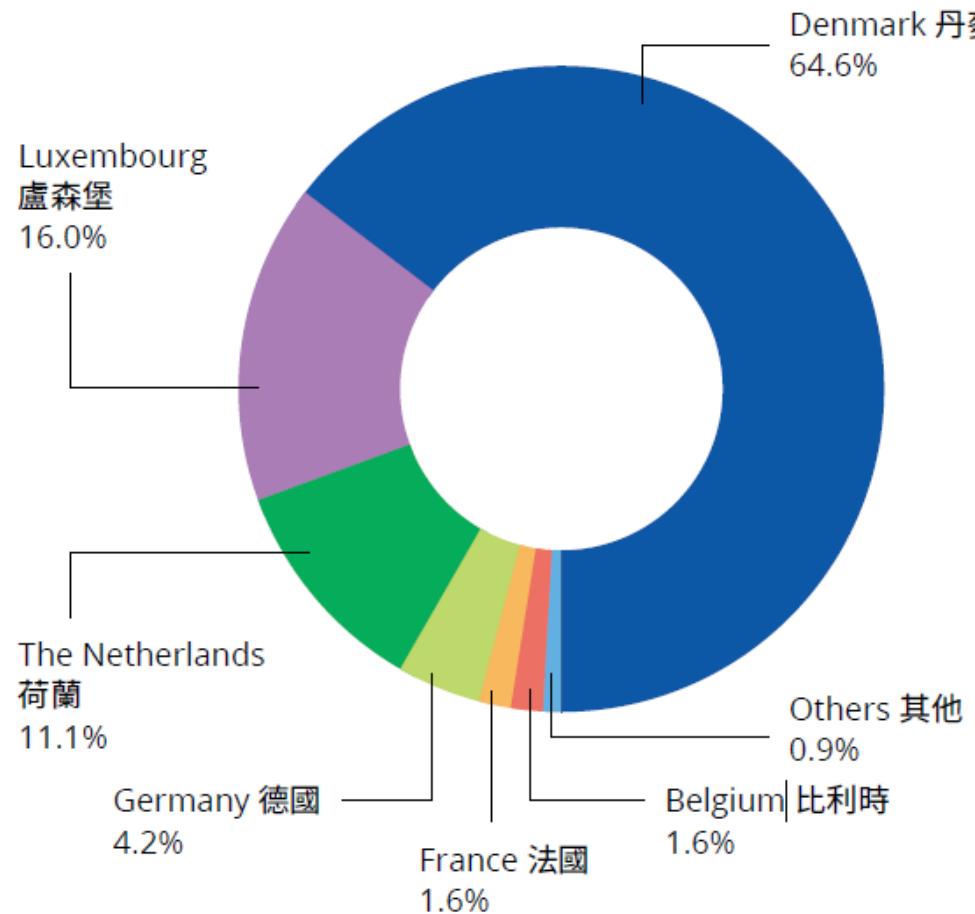
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## Market shares of non-EU import of iron and steel in Belgium (percentage of total value of non-EU import)

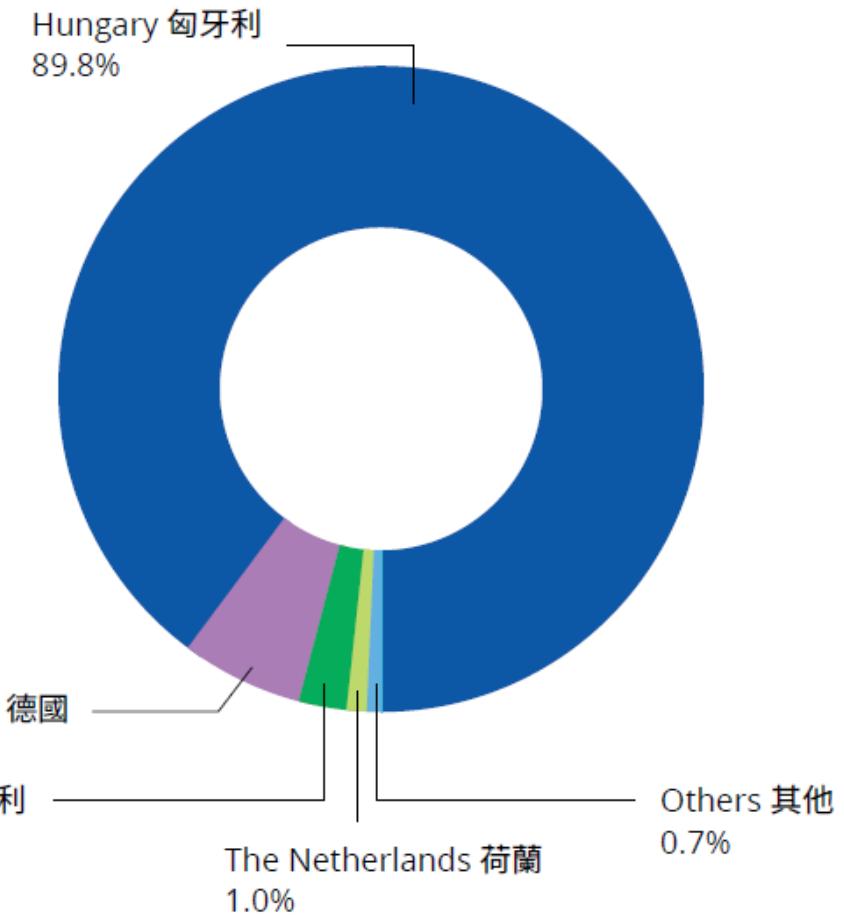


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EU's FDI flow to Taiwan in 2020  
2020 年歐盟直接投資台灣的資金流量



Taiwan's FDI flow to EU27 in 2020  
2020 年台灣直接投資歐盟的資金流量



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# ■ De dreiging van conflict



## ■ Wat zeker is, en wat onzeker is

Voor China terugname van Taiwan **uitgemaakte zaak**

*“the core of the core interests of China”*

Xi Jinping, October 2022: “The wheels of history are rolling on toward China’s reunification and the rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. Complete reunification of our country must be realized, and it can, without doubt, be realized!”



Vraag: wanneer en hoe

# ■ Wanneer?

Chinese “Dream of National Rejuvenation” (2049?)

Anti-Secession Law (2005)

“peaceful national reunification”

Art. 8: “In the event that the "Taiwan independence" secessionist forces should act under any name or by any means to **cause the fact of Taiwan's secession from China**, or that major **incidents entailing Taiwan's secession from China** should occur, or that **possibilities for a peaceful reunification should be completely exhausted**, the state shall employ non-peaceful means and other necessary measures to **protect China's sovereignty and territorial integrity.**”

# Hoe?

## Vrijwillig:

1 country-2 systems  
Hong Kong

## Dwang:

Grijze zone/ hybride dreigingen (steeds meer routine)

desinformatie  
psychologische druk  
diplomatieke druk  
economische dwang  
pesterijen, sabotage, bvb. internetkabels, hacking...  
militaire manoeuvres, intrusies, machtsvertoon (risico op ongevallen, escalaties)

**ARGUMENT** An expert's point of view on a current event.

## China Is Practicing How to Sever Taiwan's Internet

The cutoff of the Matsu Islands may be a dry run for further aggression.



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# Hoe?

## Militair

veranderde militaire balans: “zelfvertrouwen”

A2AD

blokkade

havens van Taiwan

aanval

ballistische raketten en gevechtsvliegtuigen

amfibische invasie en bezetting



Type 094 nuclear powered Jin-class ballistic missile submarine (Reuters/Stringer)



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# ■ De Taiwanese situatie anno 2023

# Taiwan in 2023

januari 2024 verkiezingen: spanningen te verwachten

internationale polarisering

China: “containment” van de VS

toenemende aandacht voor Straat van Taiwan tweesijdend zwaard voor Taiwan  
wensen van Taiwan / de Taiwanezen?

“Keep calm and carry on.” (S. Biscop, Februari 2023)

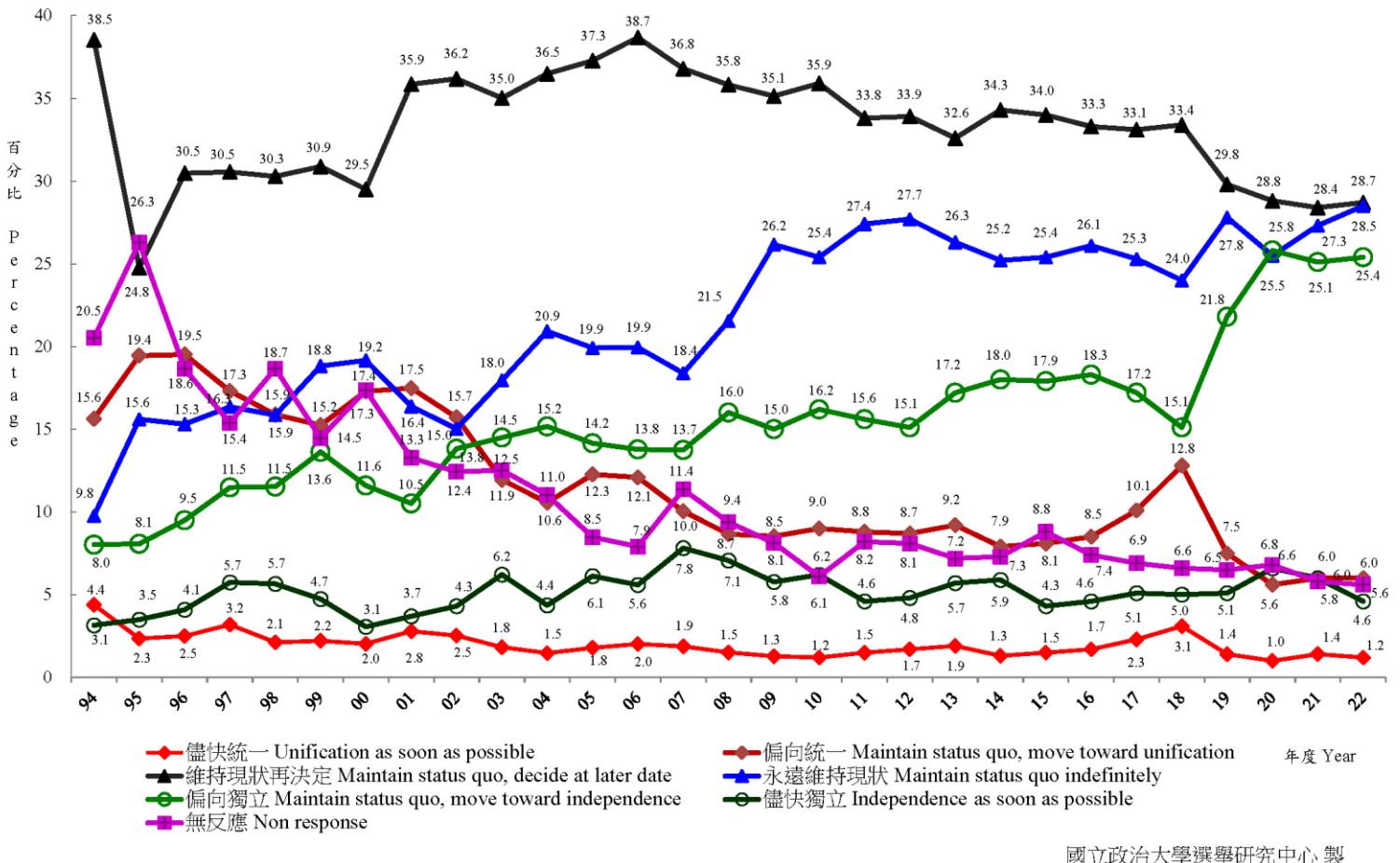
slinkende internationale ruimte:

verlies van diplomatieke partners: 13

afkalven van de multilaterale orde

## 臺灣民眾統獨立場趨勢分佈 (1994~2022)

Changes in the Unification - Independence Stances of Taiwanese  
as Tracked in Surveys by Election Study Center, NCCU (1994~2022)



國立政治大學選舉研究中心 製

Source: Election Study Centre,  
National Chenchi University

<https://esc.nccu.edu.tw/PageDoc/Detail?fid=7801&id=6963>

# ■ Ontwikkelingen en opties

## Algemeen:

Definiëren van positie, motieven: toenemende aandacht voor economische veiligheid

Expertise

Behoud van de status quo

## Tegenover Taiwan:

Samenwerking om weerbaarheid te verhogen

## Tegenover China:

Rode lijnen

Economische relatie als belangrijkste hefboom

Borrells voorstel om te patrouilleren?

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**Top EU diplomat calls for navy patrols in Taiwan Strait**  
04/23/2023  
Josep Borrell's op-ed article urges the EU to take on a more active role in the Taiwan conflict. His stance is in stark contrast to Emmanuel Macron's views.

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