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## **EU SHOULD LAUNCH A SPECIALIST TEAM TO INVESTIGATE CHINESE DISINFORMATION**

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*The Chinese government has flooded the European information space with disinformation, in an effort to control the narrative around the pandemic and divert the blame. This poisonous environment created by Chinese info-war operations calls for resolute answers, writes Jakub Janda and Nathalie Vogel.*

Since the outbreak of COVID-19, the Chinese government has made an extraordinary effort to control the narrative around the pandemic, flooding social media with disinformation. DHS reports have concluded that these efforts first aimed to belittle the severity of the virus, then to downplay its scope in order to gain time to purchase medical equipment worldwide.

The goal of Chinese state propaganda is to divert the blame for the outbreak to foreign entities while sowing discord among Western allies.

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