
EU-CHINA SUMMIT: WHAT REALLY HAPPENED?

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The EU and China have postponed a hotly anticipated summit, blaming COVID-19. But with infections down, the economy reopening, and China under fire over its clampdown on Hong Kong — is the pandemic the real reason?

It was meant to be the geopolitical highlight of Germany's upcoming stint in the presidency of the European Union — the first-ever summit between the Chinese president and the leaders of all 27 EU member states, hosted by Angela Merkel herself in the German city of Leipzig this September.

The goal: no less than reshaping EU-China relations for the new decade, with a better deal for European companies investing in China and closer cooperation on climate change topping the agenda.

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