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The **22nd round** of the EU-China investment agreement negotiations took place in **Brussels** on **15-19 July 2019**.

This was a week of intensive and constructive negotiations with a focus on investment liberalisation as indicated in 2019 Joint EU-China Summit Statement. With dedicated sessions on **health** and **transport**, the teams have continued the **market access negotiations**. The discussions on specific disciplines related to the **financial services** and **national treatment-related commitments** have also advanced. On **sustainable development**, the Chief Negotiators discussed the environmental and labour policy issues related to investment and outlined the paths for further technical work. Lastly, on dispute settlement, constructive exchanges took place with regard to **state-to-state dispute settlement** while the efforts will have to be stepped up in September to make more tangible progress.

Next step:

- The 23rd round is foreseen to be held in the week of 23 September in Beijing. The exact agenda is yet to be confirmed.