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Globalisation is changing shape and the "new Silk Road" symbolises this change. This collective narrative answers the major challenges of our time: strengthening global connectivity, fostering multilateral cooperation, contributing to create the conditions of the economic recovery; and awakens a common project to rally the two poles of prosperity that are Europe and Asia. This project is a great opportunity because we have common interests and common enemies. I think that good diplomacy is diplomacy where you can put common values, but also common interests on the table. Therefore, the European Union must take part in it because it matches an alignment of interests that we cannot escape.