Notes

* China has been [very open](http://www.atimes.com/atimes/China_Business/LK02Cb01.html" \t "_blank) about the fact that they're seeking a foothold into the greater European market.
* It should come as no surprise that the CCP is [appointing the heads of many of the corporations](http://money.cnn.com/2010/06/18/news/international/China_investments_Greece.fortune/index.htm" \t "_blank) moving into the area and there are reports it is [subsidizing companies](http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/7183762.html), allowing them to make incredibly low bids.
* Oct. 2010: Merkel called for European countries to make [capital available quickly to counter China's moves](http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2010-10-14/europe-must-secure-resources-to-counter-chinese-competition-merkel-says.html) in E. Europe.
* Nov. 2010: "The trade relationship with China is not inconsequential. Hungary had trade worth $6.8bn last year. Poland’s bilateral trade is worth about $16bn, while the Czech Republic has net trade of $11bn, but everywhere the balance is heavily skewed towards China, which exports TVs, cars, clothing and consumer goods to central Europe, while relatively little flows the other way."

Greece

* 2009**:** Cosco signed a lease to expand two of Piraeus' main container ports worth €3.4bn.
* May 2010: The Greek transportation minister says that Chinese companies are interested in privatizing Greece's OSE railway.
* June 2010: Cosco took on full control of the container port in Piraeus with a 35 year lease. The company [pledged $700 million in moderiznation](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/06/08/AR2010060805312.html" \t "_blank) as part of the deal while Greece promised to crack down on the unions to keep prices low and to turn around a notoriously inefficient port.
* June 2010: hinese Vice Premier Zhang Dejiang to Greece. Fourteen agreements are signed, representing the [largest investment package](http://www.rferl.org/content/China_Seeking_Major_Investments_In_Greece_But_Why_Now/2073276.html" \t "_blank) to any country in Europe from China. These agreements include building 7 dry bulk cargo ships (options for four more and chartering of another five), a hotel, a shopping mall complex, olive oil export, and tech sharing, particularly in telecommunications. Chinese Vice Premier Zhang Dejiang to Greece
* Oct. 2010: hinese Premier Wen Jiabao to Greece.  Wen promised to continue [purchasing government bonds](http://www.newsweek.com/2010/10/11/china-ups-investment-in-greece.html" \t "_blank). Private Greek and Chinese companies signed around a dozen deals in shipping, logistics, construction and tourism.

[Greece is tapping China's deep pockets to help rebuild its economy](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/06/08/AR2010060805312.html" \t "_blank)  
June 2010: "The Greek government is also courting China for a bevy of other projects, including a sprawling new distribution center in the industrial wastelands west of Athens, a monorail line, five-star hotels and a new maritime theme park. Greek hotels, eager to fill rooms as crisis-weary Europeans cut back on travel, are also wooing Chinese tour operators as never before."  
 [Debt-ridden Greece gets vote of confidence from China](http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&source=web&cd=1&ved=0CBMQFjAA&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.guardian.co.uk%2Fbusiness%2F2010%2Fjun%2F15%2Fgreece-china-contracts-signed&ei=9WT-TIO_Joa0lQfaoZDhCA&usg=AFQjCNFEiFVmcyZ9hWsCs2ThnVhZKqKq8Q" \t "_blank)  
June 2010: "The Chinese are considering buying a stake in the loss-making railway network OSE, which the socialist government has pledged to privatise, as well as building an airport on the island of Crete, a logistics centre north of Athens and a marine theme park, according to Greek finance ministry officials."  
  
Hungary

* Chinese presence in Hungary is pretty substantial.  There are Hungarian-Chinese bilingual schools with a sizeable Chinese community.  Can get numbers if anyone wants them.  There is a business park/shopping mall that specifically meets the needs of the Chinese community called the Asia Center.
* May 2009: Huawei has an assembly plant and logistics center in Hungary, established in May of last year.
* June 2010: Wanhua Industrial Group, a chemical company, made a $185mil investment in BorsodChem with an option to purchase the rest of the company within the next two years.
* Trade turnover figures in 2007 was $6.22 billion, a 56% increase from 2006.  Hungary receives information and communications technology and China receives machinery and electronic products from Hungary.

Poland

* Nov. 2010: Chinese Deputy Trade Minister Jiang Zengwei visits with Polish Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Economy Waldemar Pawlak and a declaration on cooperation is signed along with several agreements between companies.
  + KGHM Polish Copper and China Mine Metal Corporation signed a contract for the supplies of 100,000 tonnes of electrolytic copper to China to the tune of PLN2.4billion.
  + Agreements on cooperation in the electronics sector between China’s Huawei and Poland’s Aero2 were also signed, as well as between Huawei and Warsaw University of Technology.
  + The Polish chemical company Ciech signed a contract with Sinochem Plastic.
  + There was also talk of  helping to build a high-speed rail network.
* The European Football Championship in 2012 is providing opportunities for Chinese companies to build infrastructure in Poland.  At the same time, Poland is undergoing a pretty big privatization drive.
* China Overseas Engineering Group (Covec), which, as part of a larger consortium, last year won two tenders to build 50km of an east-west highway in Poland. The Polish infrastructure ministry was counting on paying 2.9bn zlotys ($1bn) for the work, but Covec’s winning bid came in at 1.3bn zlotys – 23 per cent lower than the next best.  It was not a huge deal, but it was the first time that a non-Polish or non-European company received a contract that will be partly financed by the EU.
* Huawei helped create Play, a phone network.
* Sept. 2010: Warsaw Business Journal reports that a Chinese electronics company is negotiating the [construction of a factory in southwestern Poland that would create 2,000-3,000 jobs](http://www.wbj.pl/article-51225-more-fdi-from-china.html" \t "_blank), according to *Rzeczpospolita* reports.
* The largest Chinese investors in Poland include:
  + The wholesaler GD Poland based in Wólka Kosowska near Warsaw, Min Hoong Development, which trades in real estate in Warsaw and Sopot
  + TTL Polska-inwestycja TCL Corporation, which produces LCD monitors and TV sets in Żyrardów, and Athletic Group, which produces bicycles in Koszalin.
* Nov. 2010: Poland’s government investment agency says Chinese investment so far totals $390m, and has hopes of more. China is the largest supplier of electronic goods in Poland.  The vast majority of Chinese imports to Poland are computers, cell phones, components for TV cameras, mp3 players, dictaphones, modems, other computer parts and accessories, electronic components for audiovisual equipment, digital photo and video cameras and parts for those, and hard disk drives.
* “Chinese investments in Poland amounted to 70 million euros in 2007,” or about $92 million at current exchange rates, Mr. Ostaszewicz (director of the bilateral economic cooperation department at the Polish Economy Ministry) said. “The envisaged amount of Chinese investment for 2010 could amount to 500 million euros.” That, he added, would create 3,230 jobs.
* This is the only country that I don't feel like the list is (at least) fairly comprehensive.  I do think the major investments are covered, though.

[China in Poland](http://www.warsawvoice.pl/WVpage/pages/article.php/21712/article)  
February 2010: Imports of "made in China" products to Poland were worth almost 10 billion euros last year alone. In comparison, Polish exports to China stood at 1 billion euros.  Of the 10 largest importers of Chinese goods last year, eight were companies importing electronic equipment, one imported lighting devices and one operated in the clothing trade.  To date, Chinese investment in Poland is estimated at just over $200 million.   
  
[China cranks up investment activity in Poland](http://www.wbj.pl/article-51363-china-cranks-up-investment-activity-in-poland.html)  
Sept. 2010: This year’s investments from China are expected to create 3,230 new jobs. Even with the big increases, however, China’s investment in Poland still accounts for a small fraction of total foreign direct investment (FDI), which amounts to €8.3 billion in total.

Bulgaria

* Chinese telecommunications companies Huawei and ZTE signed an agreement to upgrade Bulgaria's network.
* The Great Wall Motor Co Ltd has announced that it will launch operation of its car production plant in Bulgaria in February 2011, which is expected to have an initial annual output capacity of 1000 units, China Knowledge reported on October 25 2010
* Insigma Technology signs an agreement with Bulgaria's largest power plant, Marits East Two, to build de-sulfurization facilities.
* Dec. 2009: A Hong Kong private equity fund, PineBridge Investments, owns Bulgaria's Vivacom.
* Sept. 2010: Bulgarian PM meets with Wen Jiabao on the sidelines of a UN meeting in NYC.
* 2010: Bulgaria establishes a memorandum of trade cooperation with Zhejiang province.
* June 2010: Chinese investors are considering operating an airport in the country.
* Sept. 2010:Investment groups travel to China to negotiate investment in the Bojurishte industrial zone.  The zone was announced in June 2010.
* Oct. 2010: Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Simeon Djankov announces that Bulgaria wants China to become the largest foreign investor in the country by 2013.
* Nov. 2010: Chinese companies Polar Photovoltaics and Wiscom System Co finish building a solar power plant.
* A glass factory was built in Razgrad by Luoyang Float Glass Group.
* Nov. 2010: Talks are ongoing regarding Bulgaria's involvement in an Asia-Europe rail line that China and Turkey are already discussing.

[China expands reach in East Europe](http://www.atimes.com/atimes/China_Business/LK02Cb01.html" \t "_blank)   
Nov. 2010: "Bulgaria's poor infrastructure, inefficient courts and rampant corruption have put off serious Western investors. But its relative fiscal stability and corporate taxes  
of 10% - the lowest in the European Union, are deemed attractive to Chinese investors."  
  
  
Czech Republic

* Two electronics production facilities
* Transport equipment manufacturer
* Shanghai Maling, a canned meat producer
* The Hýl's forum seeks to encourage Chinese investement -**what is it?**
* Zhejiang province and a group of Czech businesses signed cooperation agreeements in 2009.
* Chinese investments total approximately $40 million currently.

Slovakia

* Guangzhou Echom Science and Technology plans to build €29m plant for TV cases.
* The Chinese car industry is looking into Slovakia.
* June 2009: Chinese President Hu Jintao to Slovakia.
* Feb. 23, 2010: Slovak First Deputy Prime Minister Dusan Caplovic to Beijing to visit Chinese Vice Premier Li Keqiang.

Romania

* China largely imports mechanical, electrical, and light industrial goods.  Romania imports mechanical, electrical, and raw materials.
* In 2008, [trade volume reached $3.2 billion](http://www.china.org.cn/opinion/2010-05/26/content_20121886.htm), ten times what it was in 2000.
* A Chinese company is vying to build new wind power generators.
* China National Electric Equipment Corp. wants to partner with the state energy holding to build a plant worth 1bil. euros.
* Sept. 21, 2010: Romania's SDP goes to China and meets with CCP representative Wang Gang.

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