

## **China and Russia – Competition or Cooperation ?**

Recent news on Belarus are raising US suspicion of a planned cooperation between Belarus, China and Russia to achieve the strategic goal of an 'Eurasian Integration' that would leave Western Europe apart and weaken the global position of the United States.

That is what the Chinese news center **腾讯网** is stressing in an article published on 28 February 2023.

On the occasion of Belarus president Lukashenko's 13th visit to China, different Chinese media are hailing an improvement of relations between both countries in the frame of the China-Belarus Industrial Park and related policies which make part of China's 'One Road – One Belt' strategy.

At the same time, Western media quoted voices from Russia that are hinting at an increasing Russian influence on the Belarus leadership intended to further tighten Russia's grip on one of its closest allies.

Such we cannot exclude some kind of strategic cooperation between Russia and China, both using Belarus as a starting point of Eurasian Integration that would weaken the position of Belarus and of Central Asian states like Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan in favour of the hegemonial powers China and Russia. However, such joint strategy, obviously feared by the top level of the United States, could only succeed, if China and Russia were able to cooperate on a large extent and which cannot be taken for granted.

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**卢卡申科要来中国，美国高层也明说了，就怕中俄白连成一条线**

Lukashenko needs to visit China, and the US top level made it clear that they are afraid of China and Russia forming a line.

换句话说，中国与白俄罗斯的合作，早就不仅限于单纯的利益交换，而是已经涉及到了“亚欧大陆一体化”的战略层面。在俄白一体化的框架下，中白之间的合作，可以辐射到俄罗斯身上；而中俄之间的合作，也可以辐射到白俄罗斯身上。

而在未来一旦亚欧大陆形成一体化，那么中国与其中任何一个国家的合作，都可以辐射到整个亚欧大陆。一个能避免西方国家影响的亚欧大陆体系，恰恰是美国高层最不愿意看到的结局之一。

In other words, cooperation between China and Belarus has long been not limited to a simple exchange of interests, but has already involved the strategic level of "Eurasian integration". Under the framework of Russian-Belarusian integration, cooperation between China and Belarus can radiate to Russia; And cooperation between China and Russia can also radiate to Belarus.

In the future, once the Eurasian continent is integrated, then China's cooperation with any of these countries can radiate to the entire Eurasian continent. A Eurasian continental system that avoids the influence of Western countries is precisely one of the last things the US leadership wants.

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### **中国白俄罗斯关系不断提质升级 经贸科技等合作成果丰硕**

The relationship between China and Belarus is constantly improving and upgrading, and the cooperation in economy, trade, science and technology has achieved fruitful results.

专家表示，未来，中白两国在数字经济、高科技合作等领域有望进一步提升合作质量。孙壮志表示：“不仅仅可以利用中白工业园特殊的一些政策，也可以利用两国相互之间给予的一些政策上的优惠，所以我觉得未来像中白工业园这样的项目，它的示范性会越来越强，科技含量会越来越高，地区辐射范围会越来越广，所以两国的经贸合作，相信在未来会有一个更加良好、更加广阔的前景。”

Experts said that in the future, China and Belarus are expected to further improve the quality of cooperation in the fields of digital economy and high-tech cooperation. Sun Zhuangzhi said: "Not only can we take advantage of some special policies of the China-Belarus Industrial Park, but we can also take advantage of some preferential policies given to each other by the two countries. So I think that future projects like the China-Belarus Industrial Park will have a stronger model character, the technological content will be higher, and the regional radiation will become wider, such that the economic and trade cooperation between the two countries will have a better and broader prospect in the future."

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**卢卡申科开启第 13 次访华，将对重大问题深入交换意见**

Lukashenko opened his 13th visit to China and will have an in-depth exchange of views on major issues.

分析认为，卢卡申科此访有两大看点：一是中白关系去年提升至全天候全面战略伙伴关系，双方如何为这一高水平关系注入新动力；二是此访正值乌克兰危机延宕之际，白俄罗斯期待中国在推动乌克兰危机政治解决中发挥更大作用。

An analysis comes to the conclusion that Lukashenko's visit has two major highlights:

First, how the two sides inject new impetus into this high-level relationship when China-Belarus relations were upgraded to an all-weather comprehensive strategic partnership last year.

Second, the visit comes at a time when the Ukrainian crisis is dragging on, and Belarus expects China to play a greater role in promoting the political settlement of the Ukrainian crisis.