

Worksheet 3

Read the following sources and answer the questions.

Source 1

The European Union and China are two of the biggest traders in the world. China is now the EU's 2nd trading partner behind the United States and the EU is China's biggest trading partner.

Source: [European Union](#)

Source 2

Catherine Ashton (the High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy):

*“China, in its present phrase, puts development and stability first, emphasizing economic and social rights. Conversely, EU policies are underpinned by the idea of inalienable and universal human rights – and that economic and social, civil and political rights are of equal value. It will not be easy to overcome these differences. China will not match EU standards of human rights and the rule of law for some time to come. Future convergence is best sought by concentrating on **common ground**.” (17th Dec 2010)*

Source: [Euobserver](#) & [Europolitique](#)

Source 3

Needy EU Nations Woo Chinese Home Buyers to Ease Slump

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Southern Europe's cash-strapped governments are courting wealthy Chinese homebuyers, seeking to bolster their battered real estate markets by offering visas to those who purchase prime properties.

... Buyers from mainland China typically look for immigration opportunities in southern Europe for their families because of the drop in real estate prices, said Wang Ning, a manager in the international property department at SouFun in Beijing. Some visas allow buyers to live and travel freely within Europe's borderless Schengen Area, made up of 26 countries from Finland in the north to Greece in the south.

... Though the euro area's economy came out of a record-long recession in the second quarter, parts of southern Europe remain stuck in the slump, with more than half of young people in Spain and Greece jobless. Meanwhile, the number of millionaires in China rose 4% from the previous 12 months to 2.8 million, the Hurun Research Institute said in June.

Source: [Bloomberg](#)

Voices from Europe about Human Rights in China

1. What attracted the Chinese to buy properties in Southern Europe?

2. What common ground do the EU and China share?

3. What are the limitations of the EU to promote human rights in China?

4. What can you do to promote/ improve human rights in China?
