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Overview

Could Huawei hack Europe's solar power grid?

Researchers estimate that Chinese companies control 65 percent of the EU's solar power, with Huawei holding the biggest market share. Cybersecurity experts and European manufacturers say Huawei and others could use the devices to hack into Europe's power grid — and potentially turn it off. “The Chinese have remote access to all these devices.

Why did the EU reinstate Huawei?

BRUSSELS — The EU's most influential solar panel lobbying group reinstated Huawei's membership just months after it expelled the Chinese company over its alleged involvement in a bribery and corruption scandal.

Is Huawei a telecommunications company?

While Huawei is best known for its work in the telecommunication sector, it's also a leader in manufacturing inverters, which transform variable electricity current from solar panels into alternating current that can be fed into the grid. | Nicolas Maeterlinck/BELGA MAG/AFP via Getty Images.

Why is Huawei lobbying in Brussels?

The conflict over Huawei's lobbying role in Brussels is part of a much broader concern about the influence that Chinese companies — and the Chinese government — wield over crucial technologies like renewable energy, 5G telecom infrastructure, electric vehicle batteries and more.

Is the EU trying to stop Huawei from being a national security threat?

The EU has been trying to limit that influence, particularly after the United States blacklisted Huawei and designated it a national security threat. Huawei did not respond to a request for comment ahead of publication.

Why was Huawei banned from European Parliament?

In March, Huawei was banned from the European Parliament and from meeting with the European Commission after Belgian authorities accused the company of conducting a cash-for-influence scheme, bribing MEPs with gifts, luxurious trips and cash to ensure the policymakers would support Huawei's interests as it faced pushback across the continent.

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