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Table S1. List of interviewees (anonymized and abbreviated)

| Affiliation                                                                 | Number | Abbreviations |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------------|
| **International**                                                           |        |               |
| - International Organizations (governmental and non-governmental)            | 10     | IO_1          |
| **China**                                                                   |        |               |
| - Chinese Policy Institutions (Chinese embassies and governmental research institutes) | 7      | CH_P1         |
| - Chinese Research Institutions                                             | 9      | CH_R1         |
| - Chinese Industry Associations and Businesses                              | 5      | CH_I1         |
| - Chinese Environmental Non-Governmental Organizations                      | 1      | CH_NGO1       |
| **Europe**                                                                  |        |               |
| - European Policy Institutions (European Commission, European embassies, Dutch government, regional governments, development agencies and projects) | 18     | EU_P1         |
| - European Industry Associations and Businesses                             | 15     | EU_I1         |
| - European Non-Governmental Organizations                                   | 6      | EU_NGO1       |
| - European Research Institutions                                           | 1      | EU_R1         |
| **Total**                                                                   | 72     |               |