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Colombia: Petro Opens the Door

Similar to what happened in Chile, Colombia was not a priority destination in the initial stage of the landing of Chinese companies in Latin America. However, investments began to intensify in the last five years with a focus on energy and transportation. This trend promises to gain more momentum given that the new focus of Chinese investments coincides in part with the agenda that President Gustavo Petro intends to carry out. “Historically, Colombia has had much less relationship with China than other countries in the region given that it maintains a close link with the United States,” says Sanborn. “However, that is changing: although investments in electric transportation and mining are motivated more by economic than political issues, under Petro’s government Colombia’s doors are more open to China.”

In renewable energy – one of the main focuses of Petro’s administration – companies such as [Power Construction Corporation of China \(PowerChina\)](#) and [Trina Solar](#) already have several projects in Colombia.