



SEnECA Final Conference

“What Future for EU-Central Asia Relations?”

Brussels, 14-15 November 2019

AGENDA

Day 1, 14 November

Conference Venue:

Square Brussels Convention Center, Rue Ravenstein 2, 1000 Brussels

Time	Session
12:00 – 13:00	<i>Registration and welcoming lunch</i>
13:00 – 13:05	Welcome remarks Dr Katrin Böttger, Director of the Institut für Europäische Politik (IEP) and scientific lead of SEnECA
13:05 – 13:20	Keynote speech by Andris Ameriks , Vice-Chair DCAS, European Parliament EP’s perspective on EU-Central Asia relations: how to bring the EU and Central Asia closer together?
13:20 – 13:35	Keynote speech by the EU Special Representative for Central Asia, H. E. Peter Burian , EEAS An outlook on the EU’s role in Central Asia
13:35 – 14:45	SEnECA Policy Recommendations for Strengthening and Energizing EU-Central Asia relations Moderator: Dr Katrin Böttger, IEP Director and scientific lead of SEnECA Speakers: - Anna Gussarova, Director of the Central Asia Institute for Strategic Studies - Dr Andris Sprūds, Director of the Latvian Institute of International Affairs

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Prof Dr Fabienne Bossuyt, Centre for EU Studies, Ghent University- Nicholas Taylor, Team Leader for CA countries and Mongolia, DG DEVCO
14:45 – 15:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:15 – 16:30	<p>Central Asia: a bridge between East and West</p> <p>Parallel sessions 1: Central Asia and the EU: modes of cooperation in the field of education and research</p> <p>Moderator: Julian Plottka, Senior Researcher, IEP</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dr Yzatabek Berenaliyev, Dean Kyrgyz-European faculty, Kyrgyz National University- Andreas Marazis, Head of Research for Eastern Europe & Central Asia, European Neighbourhood Council- Dr Anne Spangemacher, Project Officer Erasmus+, Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)- Dr Jeroen Van den Bosch, Project Manager and EISCAS Coordinator, Adam Mickiewicz University <p>Parallel session 2: Central Asia and the EU: knowledge transfer, communication tools and awareness raising</p> <p>Moderator: Tatjana Kuhn, Research Associate, Centre international de formation européenne (CIFE)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- H.E. Dr Erkinxon Rahmatullozoda, Ambassador of Tajikistan to Belgium- Dr Susann Heinecke, Senior Programme Manager, CIFE- Rashid Gabdulhakov, PhD Candidate/Lecturer, Erasmus University Rotterdam
16:30 – 17:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
17:00 – 18:15	<p>Culture as a catalyst for social change in Central Asia</p> <p>Moderator: Adam Balcer, Foreign Policy Project Manager, WiseEuropa</p>





	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Florian Coppenrath, Associated Research Fellow, Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient- Krista Pikkat, Director of the UNESCO Almaty Office and UNESCO Representative to Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan- H. E. Dilyor Khakimov, Ambassador of Uzbekistan to the Benelux Countries- Aida Liha Matejcek, Head of Culture, Education and Health, DG DEVCO- Kahramon Bakaev, Executive Director, Centre for Sociological Research “Zerkalo”
18:15 – 19:15	Reception and Photo Exhibition

Day 2, 15 November

Conference Venue:

Square Brussels Convention Center, Rue Ravenstein 2, 1000 Brussels

Time	Session
09:00 – 09:30	<i>Welcoming coffee</i>
09:30 – 10:45	<p>More and better connectivity between Europe and Asia – what could that mean for Central Asia in practice?</p> <p>Moderator: Dr Alica Kizeková, Senior Researcher, Institute of International Relations Prague</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Prof Dr Abdughani Mamadazimov, Lead Researcher, Centre for Sociological Research “Zerkalo”- H. E. Romana Vlahutin, Ambassador at large for connectivity, EEAS- H. E. Aigul Kuspan, Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Belgium- Mircea Ciopraga, Secretary General of TRACECA- Dr Jacopo Maria Pepe, Research Fellow, German Council on Foreign Relations
10:45 – 11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>





11:15 – 12:30	Outlook 2030: challenges and choices for Europe & Central Asia Moderator: Bruce Pannier, Senior Correspondent, Radio Free Europe Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dr Sinikukka Saari, Senior Associate Analyst, EU Institute for Security Studies- Dr Sultan Akimbekov, Director of the Institute of Asian Studies- Philippe Van Amersfoort, Deputy Head of Central Asia Division, EEAS
12:30 – 12:45	Concluding remarks Prof Dr Michael Kaeding, SEnECA Project Coordinator and Professor for European Integration and EU Politics, University of Duisburg-Essen
12:45 – 13:30	Networking lunch

SEnECA Film Screening

Venue: Kinograph, Avenue de la couronne 227, 1050 Ixelles

17:00 – 19:30	Film Screening “The Song of the Tree” (KG 2018) followed by a discussion Set in the XVIII century, this film talks about the life and tragedy of a Kyrgyz village, focusing on a simple young guy called Esen, who falls in love with Begimai, the daughter of a local lord. The dishonest tricks of his rival force Esen to take revenge. Being expelled from his native village, he takes Begimai with him, but is overtaken and beaten almost to death. Esen is destined to find himself and his fate in order to reunite his people. The film will be followed by a discussion with Taalaybek Dayirbekov, main sponsor of the film, and a UNESCO Representative. The discussion will be moderated by TEPSA Executive Director Mariam Khotenashvili. More information can be found in the Kinograph website .
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