



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

<i>Time</i>	<i>Session</i>
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- 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 the Kingdom of 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 of 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- Angela Atzori, International Aid & Cooperation Officer – Cultural Sector, 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:

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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- Dr Beate Eschment, Research Fellow, Centre for East European and International Studies
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 Movie Screening

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

17:00 – 19:30	Movie Screening and discussion “The Song of the Tree”, (KG) 2018 The film “The Song of the Tree”, set in the XVIII century, portrays the Kyrgyz cultural traditions and their clashes with modern life and society. The film will be screened in V.O with English subtitles and is free of charge. It 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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