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The project “[SEnECA – Strengthening and Energizing EU – Central Asia relations](#)” will be launched on 1 January 2018 and will run for a period of two years until 31 December 2019. The project aims to intensify existing relations between the two regions and to **establish a network between Europe and Central Asia** among academia, policy-makers and relevant stakeholders.

SEnECA is coordinated by Prof. Michael Kaeding, TEPSA Chairman and Jean Monnet professor for European politics at the University of Duisburg-Essen (UDE) and Dr. Katrin Böttger, TEPSA Board member and Deputy Director of the Institut für Europäische Politik (IEP). The Consortium consists of 12 partners from the EU and all five Central Asian countries.

TEPSA, together with CIFE, will be responsible for the awareness-raising, dissemination and communication. Thus, TEPSA and CIFE will support the project by spreading the content and outcomes of the project as well as through increasing the knowledge about Central Asia in Europe, for example, through a photo exhibition and a public conference in Brussels.

On 24 and 25 January 2018, the kick-off meeting of SEnECA will take place in Berlin. More information will be available soon at the project's dedicated website www.seneca-eu.net. We encourage you to sign up for the project **newsletter** by sending an email with your name and affiliation to: seneca@tepsa.eu.

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