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Which researchers are working on EU-Central Asia relations in Europe and which scholars study the European Union in Central Asia? Which stakeholders from civil society, media and the private sector are engaged in EU-Central Asia relations, and how can they be better connected in a more closely-knit network? These are two of the main questions which the project "SEnECA – Strengthening and Energizing EU-Central Asia Relations" would like to answer.

In this occasion, SEnECA's International Consortium will organize the Midterm Conference and Scenario Workshop in Almaty, Kazakhstan, on 30-31 January 2019. The event will present the current state of affairs of EU-Central Asia relations, discuss ways to provide policy recommendations to decision-makers and engage stakeholders within the new EU Strategy for Central Asia.

The conference is structured in two parts:

- High-level panel discussions and Academic Policy Advice Training (Day 1).
- Scenario Building Workshop (Day 2).

SEnECA aims to strengthen and energize relations between the European Union and Central Asia by establishing a sustainable, transdisciplinary SEnECA Research Network and the SEnECA Stakeholder Network in order to:

- Link European to Central Asian researchers, policy-makers and stakeholders.
- Improve both the research cooperation to develop a common SEnECA Agenda for Future Research Cooperation and the EU's Central Asia policy by setting up the SEnECA Policy Roadmap.
- Promote the importance of Central Asia for Europe through the SEnECA Communication Plan for dissemination and awareness-raising among scholars, policy-makers, stakeholders in education, media, civil society and the EU public.
- Strengthen capacities in research and policy advice through the SEnECA Academic Policy Advice Training.