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## EU and Central Asia cooperation: reality checks, lessons learned and ways ahead

A conference co-organised by the Latvian EU Presidency, the Institute for European Politics (Berlin) and the EU Institute for Security Studies (Paris)

30 January 2015  
Martin's Brussels EU hotel, Brussels

### Programme

08:30-09:00 **Registration**

09:00-09:30 **Opening remarks**

The Latvian EU Presidency, Andrejs Pildegovičs, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvia

#### **Introductory remarks**

Luis Felipe Fernández de la Peña, Managing Director, Europe and Central Asia, EEAS

09:30-11:15 **Session 1: The greater geopolitical game**

**Chair** Andris Sprūds, Director, Latvian Institute for International Affairs

**Speakers** Svante Cornell, Director of Central Asia-Caucasus Institute and Silk Road Studies Program, Johns Hopkins University

Nicu Popescu, Senior Analyst, EU Institute for Security Studies

Mirzokhid Rakhimov, Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan

**Respondents** Pierre Morel, Ambassador (retired), EU Special Representative for Central Asia 2006-2012

Niklas Lindqvist, Ambassador to Central Asia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland

#### **Discussion**

11:15-11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30-13:15 **Session 2: The regional challenges**

**Chair** Antonio Missiroli, Director, EU Institute for Security Studies

**Speakers** Jos Boonstra, Senior Researcher/Head of EUCAM Programme, FRIDE

Miroslav Jenca, Special Representative of the UN Secretary General and Head of the UN Regional Center for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia

Nargis Kassenova, KIMEP (University of Management, economy and law of Kazakhstan), Director of Central Asian study centre

Deirdre Tynan, Central Asia Project Director, International Crisis Group

**Respondents** Craig Fulton, Deputy Head of Department, Eastern Europe and Central Asia Directorate, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, United Kingdom

Adam Eberhardt, Deputy Director, Centre for Eastern Studies (OSW), Warsaw

**Discussion**

13:15-14:00 **Lunch break**

14:00-15:45 **Session 3: Reviewing the EU's Central Asia Strategy: lessons learned and ways ahead**

**Chair** Mathias Jopp, Director, IEP Berlin

**Introduction** Gunnar Wiegand, Director for Russia, Eastern Partnership, Central Asia, Regional Cooperation and OSCE, EEAS

**Respondents** Cord Meier-Klodt, Special Envoy for Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia at the German Foreign Office

Eric Fournier, Director of the Continental Europe Department, French Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Åke Peterson, Ambassador to Central Asia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sweden

**Short interventions by the ambassadors of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan**

15.45-16:00 **Wrap Up**

Eva Gross, EU Institute for Security Studies and Katrin Böttger, Institute for European Politics

16:00 **Closing Remarks**

Andris Sprūds, Director, Latvian Institute for International Affairs