



## PRESS-RELEASE

### ***CONFERENCE ON 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EUROPEAN UNION - TAJIKISTAN BILATERAL RELATIONS***

**Dushanbe, 13 August 2012** – The Delegation of the European Union to Tajikistan is extending an invitation to Media Representatives for the conference dedicated to the 20th anniversary of the EU-Tajikistan bilateral relations, which will be held on Monday 13 August 2012 in Mercury Hotel, Dushanbe. The conference will provide an opportunity for discussion between European and Tajikistan representatives and government officials on history of establishment of bilateral relations, legal basis and on how to enhance them further. It will aim to inform and bring details of the history of the European Union – Tajikistan bilateral relations to the wider audience, to encourage academics and researchers to bring in their views on enhancing the bilateral relations and to further develop links between Tajikistan and the European Union

The start of the bilateral relations between the European Union and the Republic of Tajikistan goes back to 1992 when the office of TACIS programme opened in Dushanbe. TACIS was the EU funded instrument providing technical assistance to the CIS countries and Mongolia. TACIS office closed again a few months later because of security risks related to the start of the civil war (1992-1997). This did not stop the European Commission from implementing some projects in Tajikistan though, mainly working through other international organisations and implementing partners that were still active in Tajikistan, such as UNDP, but also with other European Commission instruments such as the Food Security Programme (FSP) and ECHO.

The conference will be held on Monday 13 August 2012, from 08.30 AM till 14.00 PM in Mercury Hotel. Registration starts at 08.00 AM.

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The European Union is made up of 27 Member States who have decided to gradually link together their know-how, resources and destinies. Together, during a period of enlargement of 50 years, they have built a zone of stability, democracy and sustainable development whilst maintaining cultural diversity, tolerance and individual freedoms. The European Union is committed to sharing its achievements and its values with countries and peoples beyond its borders. To this end the EU is active in Tajikistan since 1992 and provides approximately EUR 25 million annually in development assistance.