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EU Project holds Networking Meeting “Development of the handicraft sector in Kyrgyz Republic”

Bishkek, 21 November, 2014 - On the 28th of November, at 9:00 am, the Bishkek Business Club (BBC) is conducting the networking meeting «Development of the handicraft sector in Kyrgyz republic», in which topical issues of the development of handicraft sector in the Kyrgyz Republic will be discussed.

The networking meeting will take place in the BBC conference room (245/1 Chuy Street, Bishkek) and will be opened by the speeches of Esen Dzhumanov, Executive Director of BBC and Elvira Karipova, Project Manager of BBC.

Overview of activities and achievements and challenges of the project "Handicraft and business through regional integration and fair trade market", funded by the European Union under the Central Asia Invest Program, will be presented, as well as the results of lobbying in the field of legislation and taxation.

The PR Specialist of BBC, Nuraiym Ryskulova, will present the web site www.centralasianhandicraft.org, created within the framework of the above-mentioned project.

The project “Handicraft and business through regional integration and fair trade market” is of a duration of two years and, as part of the EU Central Asia Invest Program, will reinforce the cooperation among Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan in the handicraft sector. The Italian NGO **Cesvi** is the main implementing agency and is co-funding the project, whose budget is totaling almost 590.000 Euro.

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