

## Programme of the Online Economic Forum

### ”EU-Central Asia Dialogue on Partnership for Prosperity”

Brussels time	<b>7 December</b>
08:55 – 09:00	Welcoming remarks by the EU Special Representative for Central Asia, <b>H.E. Ambassador Peter Burian</b>
09:00 – 10:10	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>High Level Session</u></b></p> <p><b><i>Priorities for strengthening EU-Central Asia Partnership for Prosperity in the context of the post Covid-19 recovery – the way forward, modalities of future high level interregional economic dialogue.</i></b> <b><i>Post Covid-19 recovery as an opportunity for moving to more sustainable economic models.</i></b></p> <p>This session will provide an opportunity to set steps and priorities in preparation for the first EU-Central Asia Economic Forum.</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Martin Seychell</b>, Deputy Director General, Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission</p> <p>Keynote speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b>Valdis Dombrovskis</b>, Executive Vice President of the European Commission</li> <li>2) <b>Maroš Šefčovič</b>, Vice President of the European Commission</li> <li>3) <b>Teresa Czerwińska</b>, Vice-President of the European Investment Bank</li> <li>4) <b>Bakhyt Sultanov</b>, Minister of Trade and Integration of the Republic of Kazakhstan</li> <li>5) <b>H.E. Ravshanbek Sabirov</b>, Vice Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic for the Environment, Agriculture, Industry</li> <li>6) <b>H.E. Davlatali Said</b>, First Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan</li> <li>7) <b>H.E. Sardor Umurzakov</b>, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Investments and Foreign Economic Affairs</li> </ol> <p><i>Summary by <b>Martin Seychell</b>, Deputy Director General, Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission</i></p>
10:10 – 11:15	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Senior officials/Expert session I</u></b></p> <p><b>Moving to the green recovery agenda in regional economic development cooperation</b></p>

	<p>This session will provide an opportunity to discuss how key EU initiatives, in particular, the European Green Deal, Team Europe initiatives, can benefit the EU-Central Asia partnership including moving towards circular economy/sustainable consumption and production, sustainable food systems as well as digitalisation issues.</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Nicholas Taylor</b>, Team Leader for Central Asia and Mongolia, Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b>Astrid Schomaker</b>, Director for Global Sustainable Development, Directorate-General for the Environment, European Commission</li> <li>2) <b>Anne-Charlotte Bournoville</b>, Head of Unit - International relations and Enlargement, Directorate-General for Energy, European Commission</li> <li>3) <b>Mirjana Spoljaric Egger</b>, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations</li> <li>4) <b>Avtandil Alybaev</b>, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economy of the Kyrgyz Republic</li> <li>5) <b>Ashurboy Solehzoda</b>, First Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Republic of Tajikistan</li> <li>6) <b>Aidar Kazybayev</b>, Managing Director, Astana International Financial Centre</li> <li>7) <b>Evija Pudāne</b>, Managing Director, Cleantech Latvia</li> </ol> <p><b>Q&amp;A/Discussion</b></p>
11:15-12:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Senior officials/Expert session II</u></b></p> <p><b>Digital Transformation as a driving force for economic development</b></p> <p>This session will discuss digitalisation as a tool for building back better including focus on education digitalisation, women entrepreneurship, role of SMEs, and potential risks of digitalisation.</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Nuria Kutnaeva</b>, Director, State Enterprise “Center "Tunduk” for intergovernmental interactions and data exchange” of the Kyrgyz Republic</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b>Paolo Ciccarelli</b>, Head of Unit, Local Authorities, Digitalisation, Infrastructures, Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission</li> </ol>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2) <b>Caroline King</b>, Senior Director, Government Affairs and Global Head of Business Support at Systems, Applications, and Products in Data Processing (SAP)</li> <li>3) <b>Lembit Loo</b>, member of the Digital4Development Hub, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia</li> <li>4) <b>Juan Navas-Sabater</b>, Lead Digital Development Specialist, World Bank</li> <li>5) <b>Altynbek Ismailov</b>, Head of the State Committee for Information Technologies and Communications of the Kyrgyz Republic</li> <li>6) <b>Dilshod Sharifi</b>, Head of International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Republic of Tajikistan</li> </ol> <p><b>Q&amp;A/Discussion</b></p>
12:00-13:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Senior officials/Expert session III</u></b></p> <p><b>Priorities for sustainable and efficient business environment in Central Asia</b></p> <p>This session will allow to look into possibilities how to promote sustainable and efficient, rules-based business environment as well as share experience in implementing regional programmes, share views, how those and other programmes can be utilised towards a results-oriented Economic Forum, and also address the existing needs and challenges in pursuing improvement of green/sustainable business environment and investment climate.</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Aigars Rostovskis</b>, Eurochambres</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b>William Tompson</b>, Head of Eurasia Division, Global Relations Secretariat of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)</li> <li>2) <b>Timo Hammaren</b>, Acting Head of Unit, Trade relations with Southern neighbours, Middle East, Turkey, Russia and Central Asia, Directorate-General for Trade, European Commission</li> <li>3) <b>Nodira Mansurova</b>, Regional Head /Associate Director, SME Finance and Development Department, Central Asia and Mongolia, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development</li> <li>4) <b>Badriddin Abidov</b>, Deputy Minister of Investments and Foreign Trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan</li> <li>5) <b>Rowshen Nuryagdyev</b>, Deputy Minister of Finance and Economy of Turkmenistan</li> <li>6) <b>Askar Shokybayev</b>, Head of the Investment Committee of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan</li> </ol>

	<p>7) <b>Sharaf Sheralizoda</b>, First Deputy Chairman of the State Committee on Investment and State Property Management of the Republic of Tajikistan</p> <p><b>Q&amp;A/Discussion</b></p>
<p>13:00- 13:15</p>	<p><b><u>Concluding session: way forward to the first EU-CA Economic Forum</u></b></p> <p>The closing session will summarise the discussions of the videoconference with a view to formulate priorities, practical steps to be taken in preparation for the EU-Central Economic Forum in line with the priorities set during the discussions.</p> <p><b>Closing remarks</b></p> <p><i>Summary by <b>William Tompson</b>, Head of Eurasia Division, Global Relations Secretariat of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)</i></p> <p><b>Luc Devigne</b>, Acting Managing Director for Russia, Eastern Partnership, Central Asia, Regional cooperation and OSCE, European External Action Service</p>