

SEnECA press release

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Invitation to the SEnECA Final Conference “What Future for EU-Central Asia Relations?” in Brussels, 14-15 November 2019

Organised by the Trans European Policy Studies Association ([TEPSA](#)) and the Centre international de formation européenne ([CIFE](#)), the conference of the Horizon 2020 project “SEnECA - Strengthening and Energizing EU-Central Asia relations” will take place in Square Brussels Convention Center, Brussels, Belgium, on 14-15 November 2019. The conference is the final event of the two-year project after a kick-off meeting in Berlin in January 2018, a networking conference in Riga in April 2018, a midterm conference and scenario workshop in Almaty in January 2019, and a recommendations workshop in Brussels in July 2019. Next to the researchers of the SEnECA consortium, the conference “What Future for EU-Central Asia Relations?” addresses academics, government officials, practitioners and experts from Europe and Central Asia in order to discuss the future of EU-Central Asia relations. Peter Burian, the EU’s Special Representative (EUSR) for Central Asia, will be among the conference participants, as well as several ambassadors and representatives of the Central Asian countries.

During the two-day event, SEnECA consortium members will present the outputs of the project and discuss the recommendations to implement the EU’s new Central Asia strategy. The conference features sessions on the EU-Central Asian cooperation in education and research, on communication and knowledge transfer, on culture as a catalyst of social change in Central Asia, and on connectivity between Asia and Europe. Furthermore, the last panel of the conference will be an outlook on EU-Central Asia relations for 2030. Two keynote speeches will be held: One by Andris Ameriks, the Vice-Chair of the European Parliament’s Delegation to the EU-Kazakhstan, EU-Kyrgyzstan, EU-Tajikistan and EU-Uzbekistan Parliamentary Cooperation Committees and for relations with Turkmenistan and Mongolia (DCAS) on the EP’s perspective on EU-Central Asia relations, and a second by EUSR Peter Burian on the EU’s future role in Central Asia.

The SEnECA Final Conference will also be a good opportunity to see many of the photos of Central Asian nature and everyday life that were shown during the SEnECA Photo Exhibition in April 2019. Moreover, as part of the conference, the Kyrgyz film “The Song of the Tree”, will be screened on the evening of 15 November. The film is set in the XVIII century and portrays the Kyrgyz cultural traditions and their clashes with modern life. Finally, the conference is a good opportunity to network with stakeholders of EU-Central Asia relations from the academia, politics, civil society and the cultural sphere.

About SEnECA

The SEnECA project has been funded by the Horizon 2020 programme and runs from January 2018 to December 2019. It supports cooperation between Central Asia and the European Union by intensifying academic regional networking. The project is led by the Institut für Europäische Politik (IEP) and the University of Duisburg-Essen and further includes 10 organisations from the EU and Central Asia as members of the project consortium.

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