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European Union and Central Asia: Around the New Strategy

Wednesday, 10th July 2019
From 15.00 – 18.00

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Boulevard du Régent 37-40, 1000 Brussels

The high level public event is dedicated to EU approaches in regards to Central Asia, with a focus on the transformation and new strategies taken at the 15th EU – Central Asia Ministerial meeting in Bishkek on the 7th of July. It is co-organized by the European Neighbourhood Council (ENC) and the research project “Contested Global Governance, Transformed Global Governors? International Organisations and “Weak” States” (GLOBALCONTEST) funded by the French National Research Agency (ANR) with the support from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

The event will offer an opportunity:

- For GLOBALCONTEST project team to communicate findings from the project
- For the European Union to share the Central Asia Strategy and its importance
- For GLOBALCONTEST project team and ENC to convey the important role for civil society, academics and think-tanks in the new strategy and speaking about possible follow ups, as well as next steps (monitoring, implementation)

15.00 – 15.30	Registration and welcome coffee
	Introduction
15.30 – 15.40	Opening remarks: <i>Barbara Pesce-Monteiro</i> (Director, UN/UNDP Representation office in Brussels) <i>Samuel Doveri Vesterbye</i> (Managing Director, ENC)
15.40 – 17.00	Panel Discussion <i>Boris Iarochevitch</i> (EEAS, Head of Division, Central Asia), <i>Micha Ramakers</i> (DG DEVCO, Deputy Head of Unit, Middle East, Central and South Asia) (tbc) <i>Prof. Rick Fawn</i> (University of St Andrews) <i>Dr. Oleg Korneev and Dr. Karolina Kluczevska</i> (GLOBALCONTEST, University Paris 13) Moderator <i>Andreas Marazis</i> , Head of Research for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, ENC Q&A
17.00 – 18.00	Light Reception