

## Roundtable lunch: Unpacking the EU's New Central Asia Strategy

Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019, 1.00 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.  
ENC, Rue Washington 40, 1050 Ixelles

This closed roundtable lunch will tackle the following issues:

- What are the main features of the new EU strategy towards Central Asia? What differentiates this strategy from previous approaches towards the region, dating back to the early 1990s?
- What differentiates the EU from other international partners of Central Asia?
- How has the EU been coordinating its funding and approaches with other international partners of Central Asian countries (western and non-western donors) over years? What are lessons learned and the ways forward?

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Speakers:

*EU institutions*

- **Boris Iarochevitch** (Head of Division for Central Asia, EEAS)
- **Maciej Madalinski** (Acting Head of Sector for Central Asia, Unit for Middle East, Central Asia and South Asia, DG DEVCO, European Commission)

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- **Andreas Marazis** (European Neighbourhood Council, Belgium)
- **Tika Tsertsvadze** (International Partnership for Human Rights, Belgium)
- **Kristina Vaiciunaite** (European Endowment for Democracy, Belgium)
- **Pamela Valenti** (Open Society European Policy Institute, Belgium)
- **Astrid Vervoort** (European Neighbourhood Council, Belgium)

*Academics*

- **Zhanibek Arynov** (Institute of World Economics and Politics, Kazakhstan)
- **Fabienne Bossuyt** (University of Ghent, Belgium)
- **Rick Fawn** (University of St Andrews, United Kingdom)
- **Karolina Kluczevska** (University of Paris 13)
- **Oleg Korneev** (University of Paris 13)
- **Oybek Madiyev** (University of Kent, United Kingdom)
- **Chiara Pierobon** (University of Bielefeld, Germany)
- **Medet Tiulegenov** (American University of Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan)