

Team Europe Initiative on Water, Energy and Climate Change in Central Asia

Presentation at the COP28 Central Asia Pavilion (Blue Zone)

Tuesday 5 December 2023, 12:45-14:45

Agenda

- 12:45-13:15** Welcome Coffee / Tea with snacks
- 13:15-13:20** Opening speech
Carla Montesi, European Commission, Director of INTPA F (Green Deal and Digital Agenda) (5 min)
- 13:20-13:40** Keynote presentations
Tatiana Proskuryakova, the World Bank's Regional Director for the Central Asia region – objectives for CAWEP 4 (5 min)
Torsten Brezina, GIZ, Cluster Coordinator climate, water, energy cluster in Central Asia – planned activities in the areas of energy and water (10 min)
Joachim Flasbarth, Secretary of State, German Ministry for Economic Development and Cooperation (5 min)
- 13:40-14:10** Panel discussion: 'Climate Change challenges in Central Asia: value added of the EU contribution'
Moderated by Zafar Makhmudov, Executive Director, Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC)
Panellists:
 - Sulton Rahimzoda, Chair of the Executive Committee, International Fund for saving the Aral Sea (IFAS)
 - Stefano Signore, European Commission, Head of Unit on Sustainable Energy and Climate Change, DG INTPA
 - Anna Kirilenko, Executive Director, Ecological Movement "BIOM", Kyrgyzstan
 - Mukhtar Amanbaiuly, LCOY Kazakhstan Coordinator, SNSD Youth Kazakhstan Project Manager, Kazakhstan
- 14:10-14:25** Short statements by Central Asian countries
- 14:25-14:40** Questions & Answers
- 14:40-14:45** Closing

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Working together for a sustainable and just blue and green transition



The Global Gateway Team Europe Initiative (TEI) on Water, Energy and Climate Change in Central Asia is built on the common ambition of the EU and Central Asian (CA) countries to promote a sustainable and just blue and green transition. It aims at reinforcing the position of Team Europe on water, energy and climate in Central Asia by developing complementarities and avoiding redundancies, by gaining visibility and sharing perspectives. This TEI incorporates the joint efforts by the European Union, EIB, EBRD, and EU Member States, including France, Finland, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Slovakia and Romania.

The TEI will combine bilateral and regional policy dialogues as well as technical assistance and investments. Through these tools, the TEI will not only drive the design and adoption of policies and legislation, but also provide the investment, incentives and support for their implementation.

To address the interlinked water-energy-climate change challenges, the TEI will focus on:

Component 1: improved regional integrated water-energy resources management to strengthen the transition towards a green economy, promoting food security, jobs, growth and sustainable development in the region, while aiming at regional solutions for climate neutrality and environmental sustainability.

Component 2: Increased investment for a green transition

The European Fund for Sustainable Development Plus (EFSD+) will be a key driver for promoting investments. The EFSD+ will be implemented in partnership with a range of development financial institutions, with an emphasis on European ones.

A number of TEI members' ongoing and adopted actions have been included under this TEI umbrella. The amount of these programmes/projects is currently around **EUR 700 million**.

The EU direct new contribution to this TEI is **EUR 20 million**. It will be put into action through two implementation agreements that will be signed soon with the WB and GIZ. The planned activities under both agreements will contribute to: (i) Improved regional dialogue and coordination on water, energy and climate; (ii) Strengthened disaster risk reduction and dam safety; (iii) Improved water management for ecosystem restoration; (iv) Accelerated renewable energy development; (v) Reduced CO₂ and methane emissions in the energy sector; (vi) Strengthened awareness for energy and water efficiency; (vii) Improved policy and capacity development; and (viii) Improved coordination of the TEI on Water, Energy and Climate Change in Central Asia.

This TEI is aligned with the EU Strategy on CA. It will support the EU-CA future cooperation on energy, water and climate change, based on the decisions made at the 7th EU-CA High-Level Conference held under the EU-CA Platform for Environment and Water Cooperation (23-24 February 2023, Rome, Italy) (see at <https://wecoop.eu/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Conclusions-7HLC-endorsed-final-language-edited-230223-ENRU.pdf>).