
International Workshop
Connectivity in Central Asia
15 & 16 December 2016, Vienna

Oesterreichische Nationalbank / Austrian National Bank (OeNB)
Otto-Wagner-Platz 3, 1090 Vienna

Organisation

The workshop is organised by the Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies in cooperation with the Austrian, Swiss and German Ministries of Foreign Affairs.

Objective

The workshop will analyse economic developments in Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan), with a particular focus on economic interlinkages between the countries while also assessing the geo-strategic position of Central Asia as a whole. It will explore current state of play, challenges and opportunities regarding the various dimensions of economic connectivity: trade, border controls and management, migration and labour flows, energy routes, transport links and environmental issues. A particular focus of the conference will be the role the OSCE can play within its mandate in the various domains.

Agenda

Thursday 15.12.2016

16:00-16:20 Welcome & Opening

H.E. Florian Raunig, Head of OSCE 2017 Chairmanship Taskforce,
Austria

Christine Weil, Deputy Head of Mission to the OSCE, Germany

Jean-Luc Oesch, Deputy Head of Delegation to the OSCE, Switzerland

16:20-17:20 Keynote Speeches

Alexander Gabuev, Senior Associate and Chair Russia in the
Asia-Pacific Program, Carnegie Moscow Center, Russian Federation

H.E. Peter Burian, EU Special Representative for Central Asia,
European External Action Service (EEAS), Belgium

**17:20-18:30 Round table: Assessing the Economic and Geo-strategic Position
of the Region**

Chair: *Hannes Swoboda*, wiiw President and former Member of
European Parliament, Austria

H.E. Heidemaria Gürer, Head of Department Eastern Europe,
Western Balkan, South Caucasus and Central Asia, Federal Ministry for
European and International Affairs, Austria

Alexander Gabuev, Senior Associate and Chair Russia in the
Asia-Pacific Program, Carnegie Moscow Center, Russian Federation

Alma Sultangaliyeva, Adviser to the Director, Institute of World
Economic and Politics, Kazakhstan

Armands Pupols, Political Affairs Officer, UN Regional Center for
Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia, Turkmenistan

Friday 16.12.2016

9:00-10:05 Session 1: Barriers to Cross Border Economic Cooperation - What can be done?

Chair: Michael Landesmann, Senior Research Associate and former Scientific Director, The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw), Austria

Pal Dunay, Professor of NATO and European Security Issues, George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, Germany

Nazira Sultanova, Senior Expert Representative Office of the Ministry of Economy on WTO issues, Kyrgyzstan

Alma Sultangaliyeva, Adviser to the Director, Institute of World Economic and Politics, Kazakhstan

10:05-11:10 Session 2: Economic Integration Projects

Chair: H.E. Heidemaria Gürer, Head of Department Eastern Europe, Western Balkan, South Caucasus and Central Asia, Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, Austria

Rafael Sattarov, International Department of the University of World Economy and Diplomacy, Uzbekistan

Nurbek Jenish, Deputy Governor, Central Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic

Sergey Chernyshev, Trade Section, Eurasian Economic Commission, Russian Federation

11:10-11:30 *Coffee break*

11:30-12:45 Session 3: Border and Customs Management in Central Asia – Lessons learned?

Chair: Peter Havlik, Senior Economist, The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw), Austria

Hana Daoudi, Economic Affairs Officer, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, Switzerland

Bettina Vogl-Lang, Director of Group Border Management and Trade Facilitation Programs for Central Asia, Ministry of Finance, Austria

Raitis Tiliks, Regional Manager, EU-Project Border Management in Central Asia (BOMCA), Kyrgyzstan

Alexander Eliseev, Head of Education, OSCE Border Management Staff College, Tajikistan

12:45-13:30 *Lunch*

13:30-15:00 Session 4: Transport, Energy and Environmental Cooperation

Chair: Pal Dunay, Professor of NATO and European Security Issues, George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, Germany

Keun-Wook Paik, Senior Research Fellow, Oxford Institute for Energy Studies, Great Britain

Daniel Kroos, Senior Energy Security Officer, OSCE, Austria

Vassiliy V. Korolyov, General director TransAI, Ltd. and Honorary Professor of the Kazakh-German University, Kazakhstan

15:00-15:30 *Coffee break*

15:30-17:00 Session 5: Mobility and Labour Migration

Chair: Elena Sadovskaya, President, Center for Conflict Management, Kazakhstan and Expert of the Research Council on the CIS and Baltic States Migration Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, Russian Federation

Roman Mogilevsky, Associate Director and Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Public Policy and Administration, University of Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan

Bakhrom Mirkasimov, Deputy Dean, Westminster University, Uzbekistan

Radim Žák, Programme Manager, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD), Austria

17:00-17:15 *Coffee break*

17:15-17:45 Concluding Remarks

Hannes Swoboda, wiiw President, former Member of European Parliament