

PROGRAMME  
EU-Central Asia Economic Forum  
5 November 2021  
Bishkek

12.00 – 13.30 <b>Venue:</b> State residence "Ala-Archa"	<b>-Official reception on behalf of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic in honor of High-level VIP guests</b>  <i>Note: Seating arrangements - a sit-down lunch; a welcome toast on behalf of the host side / toast by the EVP Dombrovskis (tbc)</i>
<b>13:15 – 13:30</b>	Walking to the "Congress Hall"
13.30 – 15.00 <b><u>Moderator:</u></b> <i>to be clarified</i>  <b>Venue:</b> State residence "Ala-Archa"	Plenary Session: <b><u>Speakers:</u></b> <b>Opening speech:</b> H.E. Ambassador Terhi Hakala, EU Special Representative for Central Asia <b>Welcoming speeches:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- H.E. Mr. Sadyr N. Japarov, President of the Kyrgyz Republic;</li><li>- H.E. Ms. Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission (online)</li></ul> <b>Keynote speech:</b> H.E. Mr. Valdis Dombrovskis, Executive Vice-President of the European Commission <b>High-level interventions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>H.E. Mr. Askar Mamin, Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan (to be confirmed)</i></li><li>- <i>H.E. Mr. Qohir Rasulzoda, Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan (to be confirmed)</i></li><li>- <i>H.E. Mr. Abdulla Aripov, Prime Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan (to be confirmed)</i></li><li>- <i>H.E. Mr. Serdar Berdimuhamedov, Deputy Prime Minister of Turkmenistan (to be confirmed)</i></li><li>- <i>H.E. Dr. Stanislav RAŠČAN, State Secretary/Acting Minister of Development Cooperation, Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the EU</i></li><li>- <i>Ms. Odile Renaud-Basso, President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development</i></li><li>- <i>Mr. Luca Lazzaroli, Deputy Director General in the European Investment Bank Operations</i></li><li>- <i>Representative/-s of the EU member states (to be confirmed)</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Mr. Péter Szijjártó, Deputy Prime Minister-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Hungary (to be confirmed if in this session)</i></li></ul></li></ul>

<p>15.00 - 15.30 <b>Venue:</b> State residence "Ala-Archa"</p>	<p>- <b>Group Photo, Press conference</b> by the EVP V.Dombrovskis and Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic, A. Japarov (host country) / coffee break</p>
<p>15.30 - 16.40 <b>Venue:</b> State residence "Ala-Archa"</p>	<p>Thematic session: <b>"Transitioning to a green, sustainable, climate and ecological friendly-neutral economy"</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Shameer Khanal, Head of the Kyrgyz-German-Swiss GIZ Programme "Green Economy and Sustainable Private Sector Development"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mrs. Dinara Kutmanova, Minister of Natural Resources, Environment and Technical Supervision of the Kyrgyz Republic;</li> <li>- Ms Zsuzanna Hargitai, Managing Director, Central Asia, EBRD</li> <li>- Dr Urban Rusnak, Secretary General of the Energy Charter</li> <li>- Mr. Michael Linhart, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Austria</li> <li>- Mr. Ville Skinnari, Minister for Development and Foreign Trade, Finland (online)</li> </ul> <p>* At this time, VIP guests participate at panel sessions or hold bilateral meetings</p>
<p>16:40 – 17:50 <b>Venue:</b> State residence "Ala-Archa"</p>	<p>Thematic session: <b>"Digitalisation"</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Sarah Rinaldi, Head of Unit, Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Asel Kenenbaeva, Deputy Minister of Digital Development of the Kyrgyz Republic;</li> <li>- Mr. Naveed Hassan Naqvi, Country Manager in Bishkek, World Bank (tbc)</li> <li>- Mr. Hannes Astok, Member of the Board and Managing Director of E-Governance Academy</li> <li>-</li> </ul> <p>* At this time, VIP guests participate at panel sessions or hold bilateral meetings</p>
<p>17:50-18:15</p>	<p><i>Coffee break</i></p>
<p>18:15-19:25 <b>Venue:</b> State residence "Ala-Archa"</p>	<p>Thematic session: <b>"Creating a sound business environment"</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Aigars Rostovskis, Eurochambres</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Mr. Daniyar Amangeldiev, Minister of Economy and Commerce of the Kyrgyz Republic;</i></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Mr. Kostas Frasgkogiannis, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of <b>Greece</b>, in charge of Economic Diplomacy and Openess (tbc)</i></li> <li>- Mr. Timo Hammaren Acting Head of Unit, Trade relations with Southern neighbours, Middle East, Turkey, Russia and Central Asia, Directorate-General for Trade, European Commission</li> <li>- Mr. Stefan Füle, Advisor to the President of Uzbekistan</li> <li>- Mr. Kunio Mikuriya, Secretary General of the World Customs Organisation</li> <li>- Mr. Robin Ord-Smith, Business Ombudsman, Kyrgyz Republic</li> </ul> <p>* At this time, VIP guests participate at panel sessions or hold bilateral meetings</p>
19:25 – 19:45 <b>Venue:</b> State residence "Ala-Archa"	<b>Concluding remarks</b> <u>(This part is discussed for exclusion)</u>  - Mr. Luc Devigne, Deputy Managing Director for Russia, Eastern Partnership, Central Asia, Regional cooperation and OSCE, European External Action Service
19:45 – 20:00	Transfer of participants to the hotel "Orion"
20:00 – 21:00 <b>Venue:</b> hotel "Orion"	- Buffet reception for guests on behalf of the EU Delegation to the Kyrgyz Republic

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#### **Informative Notes**

- ❖ *Speakers and participants will receive a separate **logistics note** including information on security and health measures; visa requirements, etc.*
- ❖ *NB! Delegations will be asked to submit a **formal certificate** when they recuperate badges ahead of the meeting on Friday, 5 November. This form confirms that all registered participants attending the in-person meeting meet the following requirements:*
  - *have proof of a negative PCR test result with a QR code from a test taken not more than 72 hours before their attendance to the meeting.*