



**Regional coordination and support for the EU / Central Asia
enhanced regional cooperation on Environment, Climate Change
and Water**

EU project WECOOP 2 presentation

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Context: the EU/CA strategy of 2007

The strategy for 2007 covers:

- Human rights, rule of law, good governance and democratisation;
- Investing in the future: youth and education;
- Promotion of economic development, trade and investment;
- Strengthening energy and transport links;
- **Environmental sustainability and water;**
- Combatting common threats and challenges;
- Building bridges: inter-cultural dialogues

Strategy: new stamina in 2015

- Strengthening cooperation on counter-terrorism;
- Strengthening EU support actions around borders with Afghanistan;
- Enhancing support for human rights promotion and protection; democratic reforms and civil society development;
- Energy security – Trans Caspian Pipeline system;
- Reinforcing regional EU actions in the key initiatives areas of education, the rule of law, and environment and water;
- Economic diversification, SME development, WTO accession for KZ.

EU Strategy 2007 on Environment in Central Asia

- To strengthen the EU-CA Platform for environment and water cooperation.
- To strengthen environmental governance for environmental protection and climate change mitigation and adaptation.
- To support the *EU Water Initiative (EUWI)* in collaboration with the regional institutions responsible for water matters, addressing: *Integrated water Resources Management (IWRM)*; *Transboundary River Basin Management (RBM)*; Reforms of water supply and sanitation policy
- Strengthening the capacities in implementation of International Environmental Agreements

From WECOOP 1 to WECOOP 2

WECOOP 2 (2016) builds on WECOOP 1 (2009)

Established at EU-CA High Level Conference in Rome in 2009

EU-CA Working Group on Environment and Climate Change (WECOOP)

- **4 meetings since 2010**
- **Improvement of EU-CA dialogue**
- **Discussion of priorities**

EU-CA High Level Conference Milan 2015

- **Joint Ministerial declarations**
- **Action Plans for the Platforms**

Project WECOOP 2

Purpose

The Working Group on Environment and Climate Change (**WGECC**) organised today and tomorrow by the EU in Brussels is being organised under the EU-Central Asia Platform on Environment, Water and Climate Change Cooperation (**WECOOP2 Project**), which is managed by the EU Delegation in Kazakhstan.

Project WECOOP 2 : 3 objectives

- 1. Enhanced regional dialogue between EU and CA countries through the Working Group on Environment and Climate Change (WGECC).**
- 2. Demand-driven policy advice and capacity building measures on issues related to environmental governance, climate change and international best practices.**
- 3. Improved communication/mapping/analysis/networking as well as visibility of the EU support.**

Project WECOOP 2 : 5 countries

1. Kazakhstan

2. Kyrgyzstan

3. Tajikistan

4. Turkmenistan

5. Uzbekistan





WECOOP 2 Project: Partners

National ministries and government agencies responsible for environmental and water management and climate change adaptation,

Ministries of foreign affairs,

Presidential administrations,

Parliamentary committees,

Representatives of the civil society including NGOs and private sector,

Inter-state regional institutions.

WECCOOP 2 : Main dates

Starting date: August 2016

Ending date: February 2019

Total duration: 30 months

Activities implemented by Wecoop 2

1. Dialogues
2. Policy advice and capacity building
3. Project mapping, communication, & networking

1. Dialogues

- 5th WGECC meeting 15-16 Dec Brussels
- Subsequent **WGECC** meetings in 2017-2018
- EU-CA **High Level Meeting** in CA in Sep/Oct 2018
(Will be discussed in sessions 5)
- Round Table/Forum (e.g. access to Climate Finance; needs for related best practice)



5th WGECC meeting – Brussels 15 & 16 Dec 2016

- Take stock of policy developments at regional (EU and CA) and bilateral level since the **Milan Conference Oct 2015**;
- Reflect on main developments in Central Asia in Environmental Governance and Climate Change;
- Discuss the Draft Working Plan for Environment and Climate Change;
- Agree the date of the next WG meeting in 2017.

2. Policy advice and capacity building

Proposals for capacity building responding to the needs of the countries and regional organisations

3. Project mapping, communication, & networking

- **Coordination with other regional projects/initiatives**
- **Projects mapping database**
- **Project website**
- **Communications and visibility strategy/plan**



Thank you for your attention