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*Venue:* European Institute for Asian Studies (EIAS)

8:30 – 9:15	<b>Registration</b>
9:15 – 10:00	<p><b>Opening Session - The Evolving EU-Uzbekistan Partnership for a New Era</b></p> <p><i>Announcement of the speakers: Oybek Shaykhov - EUROUZ Secretary-General</i> <i>Keynote Address:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Klaus Mangold</b> - Board Chairman, Europe-Uzbekistan Association for Economic Cooperation (EUROUZ) &amp; Chairman, Mangold Consulting GmbH;</li> <li>• <b>Aybek Shakhavdinov</b> - Director for Cooperation with European Countries and EU Institutions at Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan;</li> <li>• <b>Jamshid Khodjaev (virtual greeting)</b> - Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan;</li> <li>• <b>Dietmar Krissler</b> - Head of Division, Central Asia at European External Action Service (EEAS);</li> <li>• <b>Jutta Urpilainen (virtual greeting)</b> - European Commissioner for International Partnerships;</li> <li>• <b>Ryszard Czarnecki (virtual greeting)</b> - Member of European Parliament</li> </ul>
10:00 – 11:00	<p><b>1: Uzbekistan &amp; Central Asia: Understanding the Rise of the Middle Corridor &amp; new trade agreements. Uzbekistan's WTO accession</b></p> <p><i>Moderator: Lin Goethals - Director at the European Institute for Asian Studies</i> <i>Panellists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jasurbek Choriyev</b> - Deputy Minister of Transport of the Republic of Uzbekistan;</li> <li>• <b>Arūnas Vinčiūnas</b> – DG Trade, Southern neighbours, Middle East, Türkiye, Russia and Central Asia;</li> <li>• <b>Alexandra Ogneva</b> - Project Lead EECCA Projects, Rhenus Logistics;</li> <li>• <b>Askar Mirsaidov</b> - Representative to the WTO, Counselor of the Permanent Mission of Uzbekistan at the UN Office in Geneva;</li> <li>• <b>Samuel Doveri Vesterbye</b> - Managing Director at the European Neighbourhood Council (ENC)</li> </ul>
11:00 – 11:15	<b>Coffee break</b>

11:15 – 12:00	<p><b>2: Shaping Uzbekistan's Next-Generation Energy Landscape</b> <i>Moderator: Esfandiyar Batmanghelidj - CEO of the Bourse &amp; Bazaar Foundation</i> <i>Panellists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Umid Mamadaminov</b> - Deputy Minister of Energy of the Republic of Uzbekistan;</li> <li>• <b>Bahtiyor Ishnaev</b> - Independent consultant, former CEO of ACWA Power Wind, Uzbekistan;</li> <li>• <b>Franco Adami Carbonara</b> - Chief Commercial Officer of Terranova Software</li> </ul>
12:00 – 12:45	<p><b>3: Financial Renaissance: Paving the Way for Privatization and Growth in Uzbekistan's SOEs</b> <i>Moderator: Kodirjon Norov - Partner, Avesta Investment Group, Founder of Algorithm Capital</i> <i>Panellists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Odilbek Isakov</b> – CEO and Co-Founder, Infrasia Capital, former Deputy Minister of Finance of the Republic of Uzbekistan ;</li> <li>• <b>Golib Kholjigitov</b> - Head of the Secretariat of Foreign Investors Council under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan;</li> <li>• <b>Louis Skyner</b> - Partner, Dentons &amp; EUROUZ Board Member;</li> <li>• <b>Dmitry Bobkov</b> - Corporate Communications Director, SEG Enera</li> </ul>
12:45 – 13:15	<b>Official Luncheon</b>
13:15 – 14:00	<p><b>4: Green transformation and development of ESG practices - the potential of European-Uzbek interaction</b> <i>Moderator: Eleanor Kramers - Managing Director, Montfort Communications Eurasia</i> <i>Panellists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jusipbek Kazbekov</b> - Deputy Minister of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change of the Republic of Uzbekistan;</li> <li>• <b>Sarah Rinaldi</b> - Head of Unit for the Middle East &amp; Central Asia in the European Commission Directorate General for International Partnership, European Commission;</li> <li>• <b>Michael A. Rupp</b> - Head of Sector/Teamleader Eastern Neighbourhood - European Commission and Associate professor at VUB</li> </ul>
14:00 – 14:15	<p><b>Closing keynote - Current prospects for Europe-Uzbekistan cooperation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Oybek Shaykhov</b> - EUROUZ Secretary General</li> </ul>
14:15 – 15:00	<b>Closing cocktail</b>