

Into EurAsia - Monitoring the EU's Central Asia strategy

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A report launch and roundtable organised by FRIDE and the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS) with the support of the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation

THURSDAY 25 FEBRUARY

Launch of the EUCAM monitoring report – The Spanish EU Council Presidency and EU-Central Asia relations

Moderator:

- **Richard Youngs**, Director general, FRIDE, Madrid

Speakers:

- **Pedro Solbes**, President of the Executive Committee, FRIDE, Madrid
- **Jos Boonstra**, EUCAM Co-chair, Senior Researcher, FRIDE, Madrid
- **Michael Emerson**, EUCAM Co-chair, Senior Associate Research Fellow, CEPS, Brussels

12.00 – 13.30

Presentation of the first copy by **Pedro Solbes** to Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation His Excellency **Miguel Ángel Moratinos**

Questions by media and debate

13.30 – 15.00 Buffet lunch offered by the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation

ROUNDTABLE

15.00 – 18.15 The EUCAM project monitors four topics that are of specific importance in EU-Central Asia relations: Human rights and democracy; energy and natural resources; security and stability; and education and assistance. In a likewise EUCAM report presentation and roundtable in Brussels (22 February) the first two topics stood central. In Madrid the focus will be on the Spanish EU Presidency and on security and stability; and education and assistance.

The Spanish EU Presidency and Kazakh OSCE Chairmanship

Chair:

- *Jos Boonstra*, FRIDE, Madrid

15.00 – 15.30

Introduction:

- *Santiago Chamorro*, Ambassador to Central Asia, Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Madrid
- *Yergali Bulegenov*, Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Spain, Madrid
(*English version presented by diplomat Kazakhstan Embassy*)

Session I The EU and Central Asia: Security and Stability

Chair:

- *Jos Boonstra*, FRIDE, Madrid

15.30 – 16.30

Ten minute introductions by:

- *Alain Deletroz*, Vice-President Europe, International Crisis Group, Brussels
- *Saymumin Yatimov*, Ambassador of Tajikistan to Belgium, Brussels
- *Sebastien Peyrouse*, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Security and Development Studies (ISDP), Stockholm

16.30 – 17.00 Coffee break

Session II The EU and Central Asia: Education and EU Assistance

Chair:

- *Michael Emerson*, CEPS, Brussels

17.00 – 18.15

Ten minute introductions by:

- *Peter Jones*, Lecturer, Southampton University, Southampton
- *Richard Young*, Head of Sector – Central Asia, AIDCO, European Commission, Brussels
- *Jacqueline Hale*, Policy Officer, Open Society Institute, Brussels