

**9th meeting of the EU-Central Asia Working Group on
Environment and Climate Change
Brussels, 12 – 13 February 2020**

Terms of Reference of WGECC and Rules of Procedure of the Coordination Committee



Decision by the Sixth EU-Central Asia High Level Conference (Tashkent, 24-25 Jan. 2019)

“participants agreed that the new Terms of Reference of the Working Group on Environment and Climate Change will be adopted at its next meeting”



Terms of Reference of the WGECC

First adopted in 2010 (**1st meeting** of the WGECC in Brussels)

Many changes since then (Rio+20, Paris Agreement, Agenda 2030, SDGs)

Need to improve governance (introduce **co-chairmanship**, assure **continuity** of the work done)

Need to include issues related to **water**

Need to update the ToR, also in view of the current situation



Proposed main amendments

1. **WGECC to be co-chaired** by a representative of the EU, by Italy (lead country), and by a CA country
2. To introduce elements in relation to *Paris Agreement*
3. Extension of the WG mandate, including tasks related to integrated **water** management (incl. **National Policy Dialogues**)
4. Establishment of a **Coordination Committee** composed of:
 1. representatives from the European Commission, the European External Action Service and Italy;
 2. a representative of the EU DEL Nur-Sultan, as contracting Authority for WECOOP;
 3. 1 representative from each CA country.



Rules of Procedure of the Coordination Committee

The CC will **coordinate the WGECC** in the implementation of its Work Plan, as act as a supporting body for the preparation of relevant outcomes of the process, assuring continuity of involvement of main stakeholders between meetings of the WGECC

It will be composed of representatives of:

European Commission, EEAS, EU DEL, IMELS, CEA countries

The CC will meet possibly back-to-back with the WGECC and when possible, through remote connection



The WGECC decision

The WGECC is expected to adopt its renewed ToR and to establish its Coordinating Committee

This governance reform will greatly improve the effectiveness of the process

More relevant role for the EU institutions and for the CA countries

Assure the continuity of the work on water, in particular the NPDs, previously carried out in the framework of the EECCA EUWI Working Group.

