



NEW EU STRATEGY ON CENTRAL ASIA  
PLATFORM FOR ENVIRONMENT AND WATER COOPERATION

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Coordination Committee  
of the EU–Central Asia Working Group on Environment and Climate Change**

22 July 2021

**MEETING AGENDA**

**Background and objectives**

The second meeting of the Coordination Committee (WGCC) of the EU–Central Asia Working Group on Environment and Climate Change (WGECC) took place on 10 February 2021, with the following objectives:

- (a) to review the work done in 2021, to discuss the implementation of the Work Programme of the WGECC and the work plan of WECOOP project
- (b) to continue the discussion and agree on the focus of the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the WGECC to be held in 2021.

The participants expressed their appreciation of the work done by WECOOP project so far. Also, they agreed to build the discussion of the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the WGECC around “The Green Recovery: new opportunities for cooperation” articulated on the following items:

1. Biological diversity: EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on biodiversity, biodiversity for green recovery, an expert overview on the current state of biodiversity in Central Asia, a common position for COP15 CBD;
2. Climate change: the EU 2030 Climate target plan and European Climate Laws, social aspects of climate change, ICAT toolbox, a common position for COP26 UNFCCC;
3. Zero Pollution ambition for air, water and soil: decoupling economic growth from the increase of pollution;
4. Toolbox for a sustainable recovery: investments in cleaner air and renewable energy.

The meeting minutes are available at <https://wecoop.eu/events/2wgcc/>.

In line with these decisions, the Coordination Committee of the WGECC convenes its third meeting on 22 July 2021, in a virtual format.

The Coordination Committee is tasked to:

1. agree on the date of the 10<sup>th</sup> WGECC (tentatively 4-6 October) and approve a draft agenda;
2. take into account the progress in the preparation of an expert overview on the current state of biodiversity in Central Asia and provide further guidance and comments;
3. discuss the work carried on since the EU-IFIs Coordination meeting in November 2020 by the WECOOP team on environmental investment projects.

## Technical notes

The meeting will be organised as a Zoom video conference with simultaneous English-Russian interpretation. The WECOOP team will contact all participants in advance for technical advice and, if necessary, connection tests.

<i>Thursday, 22 July 2021</i>	
11:00-11:05 (Brussels, Rome) 14:00-14:05 (Ashgabat, Dushanbe, Tashkent) 15:00-15:05 (Bishkek, Nur-Sultan)	Technical remarks <i>WECOOP Secretariat</i>
11:05-11:10 (Brussels, Rome) 14:05-14:10 (Ashgabat, Dushanbe, Tashkent) 15:05-15:10 (Bishkek, Nur-Sultan)	Introduction of the participants ( <i>tour de table</i> )
11:10-11:20 (Brussels, Rome) 14:10-14:20 (Ashgabat, Dushanbe, Tashkent) 15:10-15:20 (Bishkek, Nur-Sultan)	Opening of the meeting – Meeting Co-Chairs: <i>Mr Andrzej Januszewski, Directorate-General for Environment, European Commission</i> <i>Mr Angiolo Martinelli, the Ministry for the Ecological Transition, Italy</i>  Adoption of the agenda: <i>Mr Johannes Stenbaek Madsen, Head of Cooperation, EU Delegation to Kazakhstan</i>
11:20-11:25 (Brussels, Rome) 14:20-14:25 (Ashgabat, Dushanbe, Tashkent) 15:20-15:25 (Bishkek, Nur-Sultan)	Group photo <i>WECOOP Secretariat</i>
11.25-11.50 (Brussels, Rome) 14:25-14:50 (Ashgabat, Dushanbe, Tashkent) 15:25-15:50 (Bishkek, Nur-Sultan)	Overview of the work done by WECOOP since the 2 <sup>nd</sup> meeting of the WGCC and introduction of the issues to be decided at the meeting, <i>moderated by Ms Snejana Popova, EU Delegation to Kazakhstan</i> <i>15 min presentation by Mr Valts Vilnītis, WECOOP Team Leader</i> <i>10 min Q&amp;A</i>
11:50-12:30 (Brussels, Rome) 14:50-15:30 (Ashgabat, Dushanbe, Tashkent) 15:50-16:30 (Bishkek, Nur-Sultan)	Discussion and decision on the 10 <sup>th</sup> WGECC meeting: the date and the draft agenda, <i>moderated by Ms Alessandra Fidanza, Sogesid Spa-MITE</i> <i>10 min presentation of the proposed draft agenda by Mr Valts Vilnītis, WECOOP Team Leader</i> <i>30 min Q&amp;A and open discussion (all representatives of CA are expected to express their opinions)</i>
12:30-12:35 (Brussels, Rome) 15:30-15:35 (Ashgabat, Dushanbe, Tashkent) 16:30-16:35 (Bishkek, Nur-Sultan)	Break
12:35-13:10 (Brussels, Rome) 15:35-16:10 (Ashgabat, Dushanbe, Tashkent)	Preparation of an expert overview on the current state of biodiversity in Central Asia, <i>moderated by Mr Andrzej Januszewski, Directorate-General for Environment, European Commission</i>

16:35-17:10 (Bishkek, Nur-Sultan)	15 min presentation by WECOOP expert team (Ms Anna Kirilenko / Mr Valts Vilnītis / Mr Gatis Eriņš) 20 min Q&A and open discussion (all representatives of CA are expected to express their opinions)
13:10-13:40 (Brussels, Rome) 16:10-16:40 (Ashgabat, Dushanbe, Tashkent) 17:10-17:40 (Bishkek, Nur-Sultan)	WECOOP's work with environmental investment projects since November 2020, moderated by Mr Johannes Stenbaek Madsen, Head of Cooperation, EU Delegation to Kazakhstan 10 min presentation by Mr Valts Vilnītis, WECOOP Team Leader 20 min Q&A and open discussion (all representatives of CA are expected to express their opinions)
13:40-14:00 (Brussels, Rome) 16:40-17:00 (Ashgabat, Dushanbe, Tashkent) 17:40-18:00 (Bishkek, Nur-Sultan)	Summary of the outcomes and closing remarks: Mr Andrzej Januszewski, Directorate-General for Environment, European Commission Mr Angiolo Martinelli, the Ministry for the Ecological Transition, Italy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AOB</li> <li>• Closure of the meeting</li> </ul>