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The consortium partners have been carefully selected to provide a balanced mix of research and policy-making organisations in the EU and Central Asia, with diverse experience in academic issues, innovation management, policy-making and project management.



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Institut für Europäische Politik (Germany)
Central Asia Institute for Strategic Studies (Kazakhstan)
Center of Sociological Research "Zerkalo" (Tajikistan)
University of World Economy and Diplomacy (Uzbekistan)
Royal United Services Institute (UK)
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Ekonomicznych i Europejskich (Poland)
Latvian Institute of International Affairs (Latvia)
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About SEnECA

The project "**SEnECA – Strengthening and Energizing EU–Central Asia Relations**" seeks to improve research cooperation and to strengthen capacities in research and policy advice in the EU and Central Asia, having recognised the importance of Central Asia for Europe.

An **international consortium with twelve partner organisations** from the EU and all five Central Asian countries, led by Prof Dr Michael Kaeding, professor for European politics at the University of Duisburg-Essen (UDE), and Dr Katrin Böttger, Deputy Director of the Institut für Europäische Politik (IEP) will **map and analyse the relations between the two regions in order to make recommendations** to stakeholders on future research cooperation, policies and communication. The project is funded with around 1.5 million Euros under the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme for a period of two years.

Objectives

The main objectives of SEnECA are to strengthen and energize relations between the European Union and Central Asia by establishing a sustainable, transdisciplinary **SEnECA Research Network** and the **SEnECA Stakeholder Network** in order to

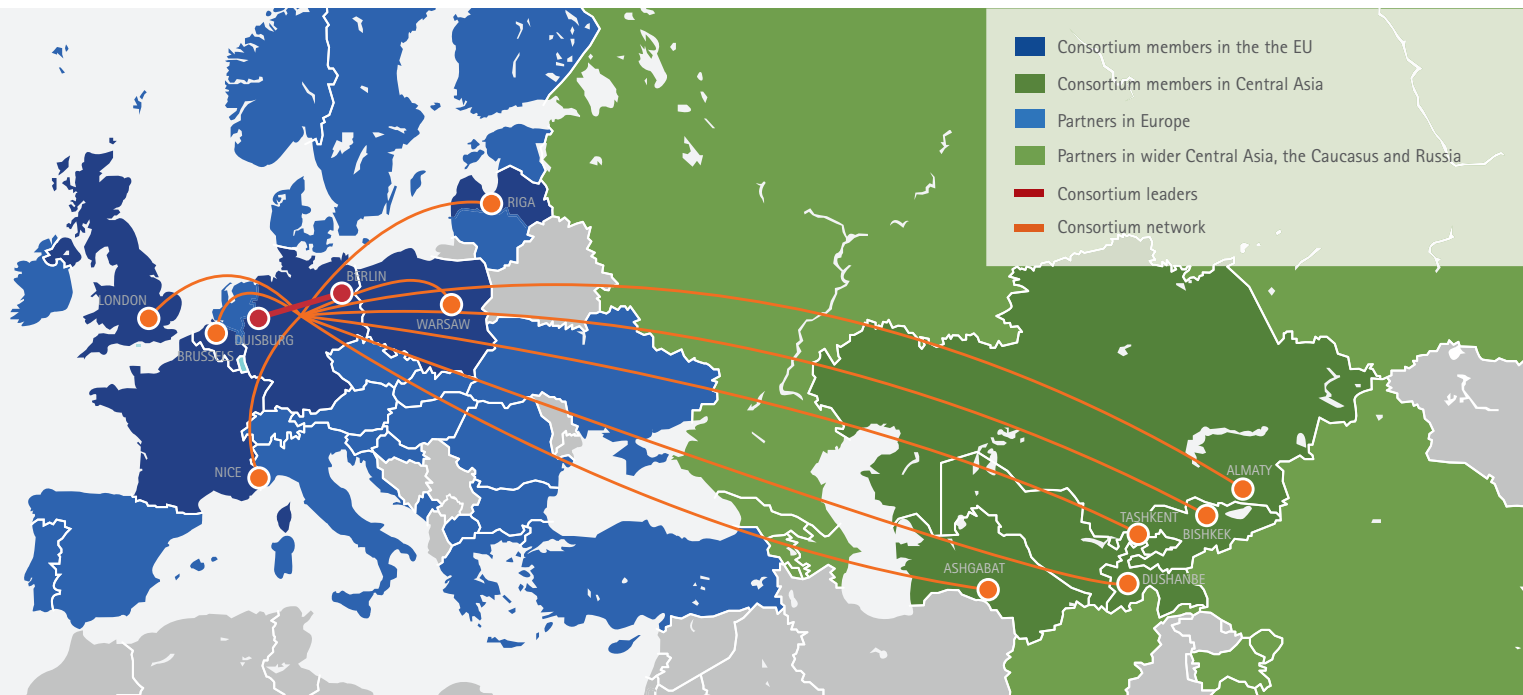
- *link* European to Central Asian researchers, policy-makers and stakeholders
- *improve* both the research cooperation to develop a common **SEnECA Agenda for Future Research Cooperation** and the EU's Central Asia policy by setting up the **SEnECA Policy Roadmap**
- *promote* the importance of Central Asia for Europe through the **SEnECA Communication Plan** for dissemination and awareness-raising among scholars, policy-makers, stakeholders in education, media, civil society and the EU public
- *strengthen* capacities in research and policy advice through the **SEnECA Academic Policy Advice Training**

Approach

Map: SEnECA will map the current state of Central Asian Studies in Europe and European Studies in Central Asia in order to identify all scholars active in the two research fields. SEnECA will also map the EU's relations with Central Asia in order to provide material for analysis.

Analyse: In close exchange with relevant policy-makers and stakeholders, the EU's policy towards Central Asia as a region and its bilateral relations with all five countries will be analysed in terms of political, security, economic, trade, development, energy, cultural and other cooperation.

Recommend: Based on previous analyses, SEnECA will develop, test and recommend future research priorities and new forms of research cooperation to improve collaboration between both regions and strengthen research capacities. Based on the analysis of EU–Central Asia relations, SEnECA will be able to recommend future policy priorities and concrete implementation measures for European policy-making towards Central Asia.



Networking opportunities

During the project period, researchers and relevant stakeholders from Central Asia and Europe will have various possibilities to meet offline and online:

- Three public conferences: Riga, April 2018; Almaty, January 2019; Brussels, November 2019
- Public exhibition on Central Asia: Brussels, spring 2019
- Regular skype conferences and discussions via the project intranet, social media and the Research Network portal

These opportunities aim to include stakeholders and interested citizens into the project and to bring Europe and Central Asia closer together.