

EU Strategy for Central Asia

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The Council approved a strategy for a new partnership with Central Asia (Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan), and agreed to submit it to the European Council at its meeting on 21 and 22 June (*see Council document: 10113/07*).

The strategy identifies the EU's strategic interests in the region, as regards both bilateral and regional cooperation, and suggests avenues for a partnership in areas such as: youth and education; human rights, the rule of law, governance and democratisation; economic development, trade and investment; energy and transport links; environmental sustainability and water; combating common threats and challenges.