



# 1<sup>ST</sup> EUROPEAN UNION CENTRAL ASIA SUMMIT

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

The first EU – Central Asia Summit took place in **Samarkand, Uzbekistan on 4 April 2025**, marking the important political upgrade of the EU relations with the Central Asia region and its countries: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

## DELIVERABLES OF THE EU – CENTRAL ASIA SUMMIT

The EU and Central Asia bring cooperation to the next level through a **strategic partnership**.

This significant joint political commitment allows both regions to work together for peace, security, sustainable development. It will deepen cooperation in areas of mutual interest and reaffirm EU support to strengthening democratic values, human rights and fundamental freedoms.

The first Summit resulted in **concrete deliverables** in areas such as trade and investment, connectivity, transport, energy, critical raw materials, water, climate and security. Such as:



### GLOBAL GATEWAY INVESTMENT PACKAGE

of **€12 BILLION**  
(Team Europe)

covering four key priority areas:

**€3 bn** in transport

**€2.5 bn** in critical raw materials

**€6.4 bn** in water-energy-climate

**€100 m** in digital connectivity



### EU-CENTRAL ASIA 'DECLARATION OF INTENT ON CRITICAL RAW MATERIALS'

to promote regional cooperation in complementarity with the existing bilateral frameworks.



**ROADMAP 2025-2026** under the EU-Kazakhstan Memorandum of Understanding on critical raw materials, batteries and green hydrogen.



**TRANS CASPIAN TRANSPORT CORRIDOR (TCTC) INVESTORS FORUM** and the **EU-CENTRAL ASIA ECONOMIC FORUM** to be held in Uzbekistan in 2025.



### SECURITY DIALOGUE

between the EU and the region to tackle common challenges.

Today, the EU already supports projects in the Central Asia region, such as:



### Sebzor hydropower plant

(Tajikistan, energy) – to provide clean reliable energy, create new jobs and generate income for local communities.



### Digital Connectivity

in Kazakhstan (Kazakhstan, digital) – to enhance local businesses' and citizens' access to a secure, high-speed internet through trusted satellite connectivity.



### Trans-Caspian Transport Corridor

(regional, transport) – to reduce travel times and boost trade between Central Asia and Europe.

The **EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK** (EIB) prepared a package of signatures and announcements at the Summit (under **GLOBAL GATEWAY**), including:



Host Country Agreement between Uzbekistan and the EIB as a **first step for increased presence in the region.**



Four **Memorandums of Understanding** with partners in Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan to provide **€365 million** for **sustainable transport, water management, and climate resilience.**



Declaration of the opening of negotiations on the **Country Framework Agreement** between the EIB and Turkmenistan.

**€7-8**  
BILLION

The **EUROPEAN BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT** (EBRD) is working on a project pipeline of approximately €7-8 billion until 2027, including in support of transport connectivity, the Critical Raw Materials agenda, as well as renewable energy.