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EU Special Representative for Central Asia, Ambassador Peter Burian will visit Tajikistan 22-25 January

The EU Special Representative for Central Asia, Ambassador Peter Burian, will pay a visit to Tajikistan next week. Ambassador Burian is scheduled to meet with H.E. President Emomali Rahmon and H.E. Minister of Foreign Affairs Sirojiddin Aslov, as well as other high ranking government officials. Ambassador Burian will also meet with local diplomatic representations, international organisations, development partners and representatives from civil society. The visit reflects continuous interest of the European Union to further develop the positive relations with the Republic of Tajikistan and to maintain a fruitful and open dialogue in all spheres of cooperation between the European Union and Tajikistan.

The European Union, composed of 28 Member States, is the world's biggest aid donor. Tajikistan is getting the main share of EU's bilateral assistance to Central Asia: €251 million for 2014-2020. During this period the EU will focus its development cooperation with Tajikistan on the sectors of education, health and rural development. Tajikistan also receives regional and thematic assistance in areas like border management and drug control (BOMCA/CADAP), education (CAREN & Erasmus+), democracy and human rights (EIDHR), non-State actors (NSA), energy (IFCA & INOGATE), transport (TRACECA), SME development (IFCA & CA-Invest), peace and stability (IcSP) and water/environment and nuclear safety (IFCA, EURECA & INSC). The EU has been active in Tajikistan since 1992 and provides approximately EUR 35 million annually in development assistance.

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