

DRAFT AGENDA as of 25 June 2015

First Meeting of EU and Central Asian Ministers for Education

25 – 26 June 2015

Venue: National Library of Latvia, 3 Mūkusalas iela, Rīga, Latvia

2nd Senior Officials' Meeting

Thursday, 25 June

10:15 – 12:30 Visit to the Rīga Graduate School of Law and a tour of the Old Town of Rīga with Russian and English-speaking guides

*Hall "Vidzeme", Mezzanine floor
Simultaneous interpretation: EN/RUS*

14:00 – 14:15 **Opening of the Meeting**

14:15 – 15:45 **Presentation of the Final Drafts of Communiqué and Road Map and Submission for Ministerial Endorsement**

16:15 – 16:30 **Proceedings of the Meeting of the EU and Central Asia Ministers for Education**

16:30 – 17:30 **Discussion on the EU and Central Asia Cooperation in Education**

17:30 – 17:40 Family Photo of the Senior Officials

19:00 – 21:00 Dinner hosted by the Minister for Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia
Ms Mārīte Seile

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12:45 – 14:30 Lunch for the Heads of Delegations from KAZ, KYRG, TAJ, TURKM, UZB with Member of the European Parliament, Chair of the Delegation to the EU-Kazakhstan, EU-Kyrgyzstan, EU-Uzbekistan and EU-Tajikistan Parliamentary Cooperation Committees and for Relations with Turkmenistan and Mongolia Ms Iveta Grigule

15:00 – 16:00 Meeting of the Heads of Delegations from KAZ, KYRG, TAJ, TURKM, UZB with the EU Special Representative for Central Asia Mr Peter Burian

19:00 – 21:00 Dinner hosted by the Minister for Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia
Ms Mārīte Seile

Friday, 26 June

8:35 – 8:50

Welcome

- Minister for Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia Ms Mārīte Seile
- State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia Mr Andrejs Pildegovičs
- EU Special Representative for Central Asia Mr Peter Burian
- Deputy Director-General of the DEVCO Mr Marcus Cornaro

Doorsteps

Hall "Rīga", 2nd floor

Simultaneous interpretation: EN/RUS

9:00 – 9:35

Opening and Welcome Speeches

- Minister for Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia Ms Mārīte Seile
- State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia Mr Andrejs Pildegovičs
- EU Special Representative for Central Asia Mr Peter Burian
- Deputy Director-General of the European Commission's Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO) Mr Marcus Cornaro
- Member of the European Parliament, Chair of the Delegation to the EU-Kazakhstan, EU-Kyrgyzstan, EU-Uzbekistan and EU-Tajikistan Parliamentary Cooperation Committees and for Relations with Turkmenistan and Mongolia Ms Iveta Grigule

9:35 – 10:55

1st Session: Higher Education

Introduction by the Minister for Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia Ms Mārīte Seile
Discussion/Statements of the KAZ, KYRG, TAJ, TURKM, UZB and EU ministers

10:55 – 11:25

Coffee break

11:25 – 12:45

2nd Session: Vocational Education and Training

Introduction by the Minister for Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia Ms Mārīte Seile
Discussion/Statements of the KAZ, KYRG, TAJ, TURKM, UZB and EU ministers

12:45 – 13:00

3rd Session: Adoption of the Communique and Road Map

The Latvian Presidency Represents the EU

13:00 – 13:10

Family Photo of the Heads of Delegations

13:10 – 13:40

Press Conference

Hall "Baltija", 1st floor

Simultaneous interpretation: LV/EN/RUS

15:00 – 18:00

On-Site Visits to the Higher Education Institutions and Vocational Education and



Latvian Presidency
of the Council of the
European Union



MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
REPUBLIC OF LATVIA



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
AND SCIENCE
REPUBLIC OF LATVIA



European Union
EXTERNAL ACTION

Training Competence Centres of the Republic of Latvia

20:00

Dinner Hosted by the Minister for Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia
Ms Mārīte Seile

Saturday, 27 June

10:00 – 12:00

Workshop: Development of Ideas on Cooperation in Higher Education and Vocational Education and Training (in Russian, interpretation will be arranged upon request)
Hosted by the State Education Development Agency (VIAA), Vaļņu iela 1, Rīga