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## EU WARNS CENTRAL ASIA OF [REDACTED] EFFECTS' OF APPEASING TURKEY WITH NORTH CYPRUS

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**"AVİMs Note:** *The Head of the Division for Central Asia in the European Union External Action Service has unfortunately made irrational evaluations regarding Türkiye and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. If the EU is genuinely interested in opening to Central Asia, it should consider what is beneficial for all interested parties and keep in mind that attempting to exclude Türkiye from Central Asia will result in the EU losing influence and thus prevent it from playing an effective role in this region.*"

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Georgi Gotev

An official from the EUs diplomatic service warned on Wednesday (20 September) that Central Asian countries would face negative effects if they ratify the accession of North Cyprus as an observer to the Organisation of Turkic States (OTS).

The message came loud and clear during the conference Uzbekistan – The EUs strategic partner in Central Asia, organised by the Centre of European Neighbourhood Council (ENC), a Brussels think-tank. The event was hosted by MEP Ilhan Kyuchyuk, European Parliament rapporteur for Uzbekistan.

Dietmar Krissler, head of the division for Central Asia in the European External Action Service, said that Central Asian countries would face negative effects if they support the OTS decision to admit the illegal entity of Northern Cyprus as an observer to OTS, an intergovernmental organisation.

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