
FIRST EU-CENTRAL ASIA SUMMIT TO TAKE PLACE IN UZBEKISTAN ON 3-4 APRIL

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The President of the European Council, António Costa, along with the President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen, will be among EU leaders travelling to Uzbekistan for the first-ever EU-Central Asia summit on 3-4 April. The summit will be hosted by Uzbekistans President Shavkat Mirziyoyev in Samarkand, with the participation of the leaders of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan. The summit will present a key opportunity for the EU to demonstrate its geopolitical interest in intensifying bilateral engagement and enhance regional cooperation with Central Asia.

Given the evolving geopolitical landscape, marked by Russias illegal war of aggression against Ukraine and ongoing developments in Afghanistan, relations between the EU and Central Asia have become of increased strategic importance over the years.

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