

INVITATION Online Seminar “Recent developments in Kyrgyzstan – what implications for relations with the EU?”

**Wednesday, 04
November 2020**

**10.00 am
to 11.30 am**
(Brussels, GMT+1)

**15.00 pm
to 16.30 pm**
(Bishkek, GMT+6)

**Online Seminar
(Zoom)**

In October, parliamentary elections took place in the Kyrgyz Republic. Shortly afterwards, protests - peaceful and violent - broke out over alleged mass manipulations of votes, leading to the annulation of the elections. The country is facing substantial political turmoil, with resignations of President Sooronbay Jeenbekov and others, opposition forces declaring themselves in charge, and political instability.

Since the introduction of a new constitution in 2010, despite some shortcomings, the young Central Asian country has performed comparatively well in democratic terms. Recent developments, however, have caused widespread concern and the EU, as other international partners, is closely following the situation and ready support the Kyrgyz people in their democratic aspirations. We invite you to join us to discuss questions such as:

- What has happened in Kyrgyzstan since the failed October elections and what to expect next?
- What is the current state of EU-Kyrgyz relations and what do recent developments in Kyrgyzstan mean for its future relations with the EU?
- How can the EU support the democratic aspirations of the people of Kyrgyzstan?
- In which areas can the EU and Kyrgyzstan deepen their cooperation?

Conference language: English and Russian (interpretation will be provided)

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On the day of the event, you will receive a personalised access link by email.

Programme

10.00 (GMT+1) Welcome and introduction
15.00 (GMT +6)

Dr Markus EHM
*Director of the Brussels Office
Hanns Seidel Foundation*

10.05 (GMT+1) Interventions by
15.05 (GMT +6)

Mr Azizbek MADMAROV
Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic

H.E. DJUMALIEV Muktar Kabylbekovich
*Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kyrgyz Republic to the
European Union, the BENELUX, France, NATO, and UNESCO*

Mr Boris IAROCHEVITCH
*Head of Division Central Asia
European External Action Service*

Dr. Max Georg MEIER
*Head of Projects in Central Asia
International Electoral Observer in the October 2020 Elections
Hanns Seidel Foundation, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic*

10.45 (GMT+1) Discussion and Q&A with audience
15.45 (GMT +6)

Moderation: **Dr Markus EHM**
*Director of the Brussels Office
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11.30 (GMT+1) End of online seminar
16.30 (GMT +6)