

## Concluding Memorandum

The aim of the document is to agree on concluding remarks regarding cooperation between Cleantech Clusters and other institutions representing energy, environment, agriculture and forestry, biotechnology and nanotechnology, green innovations and similar fields of Europe and Central Asia.

The document is signed during the Green Bridge Forum 2015, which took place in Jurmala, Latvia, from 15th of April till 18th of April, 2015, within the conference session „Technology Showcase 4: International Cooperation of Cleantech Clusters”.

### ***Parties involved***

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Oslo Renewable Energy and Environment Cluster, OREEC, Norway  
Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Kyrgyzstan  
Kazakhstan Business Council for Sustainable Development  
CLEAN Cluster, Denmark  
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Agency of Corporate Development „CSR Central Asia”  
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### ***The fields for international cooperation***

- Water and Wastewater treatment
- Water purification and filtration
- Recycling & waste
- Renewable energy
- Smart grid and energy efficient solutions
- Agriculture and Forestry
- Biotechnology and nanotechnology;
- Cleansing of contaminated soil
- Green Growth
- Green Innovations & Investment

## *Conclusions*

Green Bridge Forum 2015 has served as a vehicle for the exchange of ideas, experiences of leading representatives of the industry and promoting sustainable and high-quality environment and employment in the EU, Central Asia and beyond.

It had brought together high-level politicians, the EU and Central Asian Ministers of Environment; the leading innovators and researchers, industry experts, business representatives, manufacturers and investors as well as opinion leaders of the EU, Central Asian and other countries.

The Central Asian countries face major environmental challenges and are directly affected by climate change.

They share similar constraints to water and energy resources.

The EU-Central Asia Strategy highlights the environment and water management issues as one of key areas for intensified policy dialogue and enhanced cooperation between the EU and the Central Asia.

Green Bridge Forum helps to strengthen environmental governance and enhance cooperation between the EU and the Central Asian countries in water management, energy efficiency, renewable and alternative energies as well as in reliable, sustainable, low-carbon technologies to facilitate the green growth activities across the EU and Central Asia region.

The Forum facilitated the shift to a green economy which itself provides opportunities for increasing competitiveness and advancing the well-being of current and future generations.

Building the Bridge to Clean Technologies between the European Union and Central Asian countries is of high importance.

### *Parties' agreement*

Parties agree to consider cooperation activities for the further steps within the framework of the EU-Central Asia Platform for environment and water management.

Parties have a mutual interest to share information among Parties about their planned activities in EU – CA cooperation with a purpose to identify the best collaboration areas and instruments.

Parties have a mutual interest in sharing opportunities to implement common activities.

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