

August 20, 2026

Program
of the 1st meeting of the dialogue platform «B5+Italy»

Date: 18 September 2026 Registration: 09:00-09:30		Venue: Rixos President Astana <i>Language: Russian-English-Italian</i>
Meeting of the dialogue platform		
09:30 - 09:35	-	Opening of the Plenary session Zheruyik Hall Welcome speech by the Minister of Trade and Integration, (5 min)
09:35 - 09:38	-	Welcome address by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy (TBA), (5 min)
09:38 - 09:41	-	Welcome address by the Minister of Economy and Commerce of the Kyrgyz Republic (TBA), (3 min)
09:41 - 09:44	-	Welcome address by the Minister of Economic Development and Trade of Tajikistan (TBA), (3 min)
09:44 - 09:47	-	Welcome address by the Minister of Trade and Foreign Economic Relations of Turkmenistan (TBA), (3 min)
09:47 - 09:50	-	Welcome address by the Minister of Investment, Industry and Trade of Uzbekistan (TBA), (3 min)
09:50-09:56	-	Welcome speech of «Atameken» National Chamber of Entrepreneurs», (2 min) Welcome speech by the President of the Italian-Kazakh Trade Association, Marco Beretta (2 min) Presentations by Export and Investment Promotion Agencies (2 min)
09:56-10:00	-	Adoption of a Joint Statement on the launch of the B5+Italy platform
10:00-10:05	-	Joint photo

Panel sessions (each 80 minutes)		
10:05-11:25	-	Panel session a: Industrial cooperation and dialogue on critical materials Key issues for discussion: • Which areas of industrial cooperation between the Central Asian countries and Italy have the greatest potential for implementing joint projects and creating high-value-added production? • How can cooperation be expanded in the field of critical materials, mechanical engineering, metallurgy, and the implementation of advanced manufacturing technologies? • What opportunities exist for technology transfer, digitalization and automation of production? Zheruyik Hall <i>RK: MinIndustry (moderator), participants (TBA)</i> <i>Italy and CA: moderator from Italy: Marco Beretta, President of the Italo-Kazakh Chamber of Commerce (ACIK) TBD</i> <i>Representative of the Milano Innovation district</i> <i>other participants to be confirmed</i>
11:25-11:40	-	Coffee break
11:40-13:00	-	Panel session b: Energy transition and sustainable development («green industry», «dialogue on water» and environmental sustainability) Key issues for discussion: • Which areas of cooperation in the field of renewable energy, decarbonization, and «green» technologies are the most promising for Central Asia and Italy? • How can the modernization of the traditional energy sector be ensured, taking into account the goals of increasing energy efficiency and reducing the carbon footprint? • What joint solutions can be implemented in the field of rational water resource management, climate resilience, and environmental protection?

		Zheruyik Hall <i>RK: MinEcology (moderator), participants (TBA)</i> <i>Italy and CA: NextChem company representative TBD</i> <i>other participants to be confirmed</i>
11:40-13:00	-	Panel session c: Trade and economic connectivity and the potential of the Middle Corridor Key issues for discussion: • How can the development of the Middle Corridor contribute to the expansion of trade and investment cooperation between Central Asia and Italy? • Which infrastructure projects are of the greatest interest for joint implementation and for attracting Italian business and investments? • How can digital solutions, modern logistics technologies, and financial instruments increase the efficiency and reliability of transport routes? Shanyrak Hall <i>RK: MinTransport (moderator), participants (TBA)</i> <i>Italy and CA: Representative of the company Maire Group / ISS Polumbo TBD</i> <i>other participants to be confirmed</i>
13:00-14:30	-	Official lunch for delegations from Central Asia and Italy
14:30-15:50	-	Panel session d. Agribusiness and deep processing of agricultural products Key issues for discussion: • Which areas of deep processing of agricultural products are most promising for the creation of joint ventures and the attraction of Italian technologies and investments in Central Asian countries? • How can Italian experience in food technology, certification, and quality standards be used to increase added value and

		expand access for Central Asian products to the markets of Italy and the EU? • Which practical mechanisms of B2B cooperation and the formation of sustainable value chains can contribute to the growth of mutual trade and the export of agro-industrial complex products between Central Asia and Italy? Zheruyik Hall <i>RK: Ministry of Agriculture (moderator), participants (TBA)</i> <i>Italy and CA: (TBA)</i>
14:30-15:50	-	Panel session e. Human capital, education and innovation Key issues for discussion: • What competencies and professional skills are necessary for the development of new industries and the technological modernization of Central Asian economies? • How can cooperation between educational institutions, scientific organizations, and businesses in Central Asia and Italy be expanded? • What joint educational, research, and innovation programs can be implemented within the «B5+Italy» platform? Shanyrak Hall <i>RK: MinScience (moderator), participants (TBA)</i> <i>Italy and CA: (TBA)</i>
15:50-17:50	-	B2B meetings between Central Asian and Italian companies D-Hall <i>RK: Qaztrade (TBA)</i> <i>Italy and CA: (TBA)</i> B2G panels with participation of ministries and export and investment agencies Boardroom Hall

	<i>RK: interested government agencies and organizations (TBA)</i> <i>Italy and CA: (TBA)</i>
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