

Team Europe Initiative on Water, Energy and Climate Change in Central Asia (TEI WECC)

Context

Central Asia faces mounting development and environmental pressures from population growth, urbanisation, and rising economic demand, straining water and energy systems. Electricity use is increasing, infrastructure is ageing, and competition over water – especially between agriculture and hydropower – is intensifying, including across borders. The green transition of energy systems requires more regional cooperation. Climate change amplifies these structural challenges: temperatures may rise by up to 6°C by century's end. More frequent droughts, floods, and land degradation challenge energy security, food production, and regional stability.



The **Team Europe Initiative (TEI) on water, energy, and climate change in Central Asia** emerged as a flagship endeavour under the EU Global Gateway strategy, showcasing the European Union's commitment to addressing critical challenges in the region. Aligned with the broader objectives of the Global Gateway, this initiative currently pools together approx. EUR 4.8 billion of the EU's contribution to narrowing the global investment gap by fostering values-driven, high-standard, and transparent infrastructure partnerships. The initiative strategically focuses on the interrelated issues of water, energy, and climate change, recognizing their profound impact on the sustainable development of Central Asia.

TEI Members

TEI WECC brings together the **European Union**, the **European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)**, the **European Investment Bank (EIB)**, and participating Team Europe Member States – **Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Latvia, the Netherlands, Romania, and the Slovak Republic**.

TEI Objectives

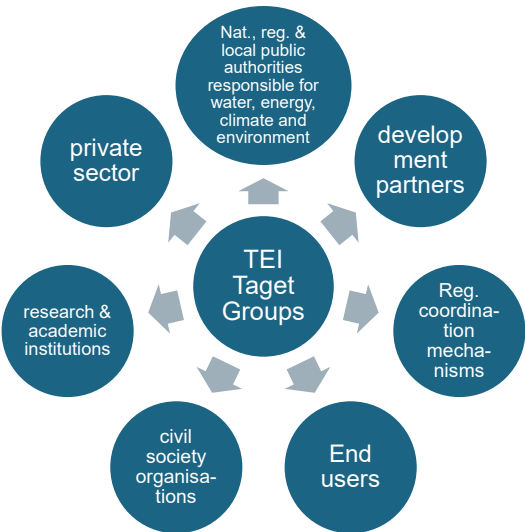
TEI WECC aims to promote coordinated regional action on the water-energy-climate nexus in Central Asia. It supports strengthened transboundary and regional cooperation, improved governance and policy frameworks aligned with national and regional priorities, and increased investment in green and climate-resilient infrastructure, including renewable energy and sustainable water systems.

It supports Global Gateway flagship projects and other investments into water and green energy infrastructure and the transfer of EU technology.

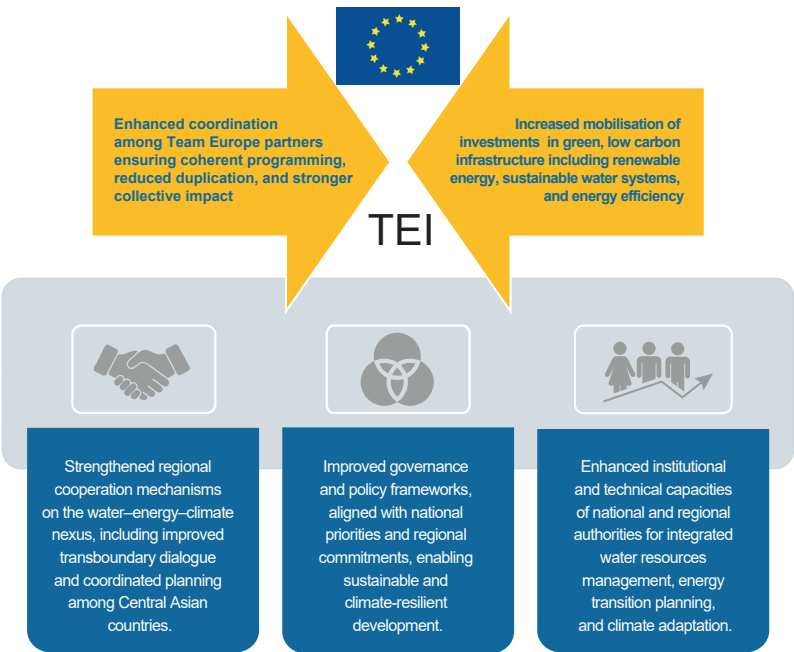
More information: <https://teicentralasia.org>

TEI target groups

TEI WECC engages in policy dialogue with national, regional and local public authorities responsible for water, energy, climate and environmental governance across Central Asia. It cooperates with regional coordination mechanisms, including the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea (IFAS). The initiative also engages development partners, the private sector, research and academic institutions, civil society organisations, and end-users to promote coordinated investments and climate-resilient development across the region.



TEI expected results



TEI Coordination Mechanism and Structure

