

## 12<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Central Asia Border Security Initiative (CABSI) Cross-border Cooperation in Central Asia

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### KEY SPEAKERS and MODERATORS Background Information



KEY SPEAKER

**Johann Bezdeka**, Deputy Director General, Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior

Mr. Johann Bezdeka is responsible for Immigration Police and Border Control as well as Crisis and Disaster Management in the Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior. After graduating in law in 1992, Mr. Bezdeka started working for the Federal Ministry of the Interior in 1993 where he held several positions in the field of asylum and migration issues. In 2010 he was nominated as Deputy Director General of the Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior.



KEY SPEAKER

Major-General **Rayimberdi Duishenbiev**, Chairman of the State Border Service of the Kyrgyz Republic

Major-General **Raimberdi Duishenbiev** graduated from the Almaty Higher Border Guard Command Academy of Kazakhstan in 1995, and the Border Guard Academy of the Federal Security Service of Russia in 2007. He started his service in the position of Deputy Chief of the 'Torugart' Detachment of the Naryn Border Guard Unit of the Russian Federation Federal Border Guard Force Operational Group in Kyrgyzstan. From 1997 until 2011 he performed different assignments, commanding border units, task forces and the structural department of Kyrgyzstan's Border Guard Agency. In August 2011 he was promoted to the position of Deputy Head of the Border Guard Agency of the Kyrgyz Republic and from 2013 was Acting Head of the State Border Service of the Kyrgyz Republic. By Decree of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic of 22 February 2014, he was appointed to the position of Chairman of the State Border Service of the Kyrgyz Republic.



KEY SPEAKER  
Ambassador **Peter Burian**,  
EU Special Representative  
for Central Asia

Ambassador Peter Burian was appointed as the EU Special Representative for Central Asia on 15 April 2015. His responsibilities include promoting good and close relations between the European Union and the countries of Central Asia. He earned his degree in Oriental Studies at St. Petersburg State University. He continued his diplomatic and international studies at the University of Cairo, Comenius University in Bratislava and the Diplomatic Academy in Moscow. Ambassador Burian held the post of Head of Slovakia's Mission to NATO in Brussels from 1999 to 2003. He was the Permanent Representative of the Slovak Republic to the United Nations in New York from 2004 to 2008, during which time Slovakia held one of the non-permanent seats on the United Nations Security Council. From 2008 to 2012 he served as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Slovakia to the United States, in Washington D.C. Prior to this appointment Ambassador Burian served from 2012 as First Deputy Minister and was responsible for areas of security policy, economic diplomacy, development assistance, international organisations and the territories of the EU's Eastern Partnership, Africa, Asia and Pacific, and the Americas.



KEY SPEAKER  
Ambassador Dr. **Peter Rudolf Scholz** (representing the German OSCE Chairmanship),  
Ambassador of Germany to the  
Kyrgyz Republic

Ambassador Dr. Peter Rudolf Scholz assumed responsibilities as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Germany to the Kyrgyz Republic in October 2015. He graduated in medicine in 1979. His diplomatic career includes service in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Germany, and diplomatic and consular representation of Germany in Argentina, Ecuador, Chile, Finland, Cuba (Ambassador), Brazil (Consul), Mozambique, and South Africa (*Chargé d'Affaires*). He has also performed a range of special assignments, such as Special Inspector for security issues of German representations in the countries of the Middle East, Northern Africa and the Sahel, Special Representative of the Federal Chancellor and Head of the G8 working group on African countries issues, and organiser of the election process on behalf of the UN in Namibia (Tsandi/Ovamboland).



SESSION 1 MODERATOR

**Dimitrijs Trofimovs**, Deputy State Secretary of the Ministry of the Interior, Republic of Latvia

Mr. Trofimovs (LL.M in Law) is Deputy State Secretary of the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Latvia. Director of the Sectoral Policy Department of the Ministry of the Interior since 2009, he is responsible for the development policy of the internal affairs section, which includes combating crime, protection of public order and safety, protection of human rights and lawful interests, state border security and Integrated Border Management, and civil protection, as well as the sub-sections dealing with migration and citizenship issues. Mr. Trofimovs is the National Coordinator for the fight against human trafficking and Head of the National Working Group of THB experts which coordinates the National Anti-THB Strategy of Latvia. He has published many articles in the field of his responsibilities and also has academic experience.

Mr. Trofimovs is Chairman of the Commission of Intermediary Institutions for State Security and has extensive professional knowledge in the area of strategic planning. He represented the Ministry of the Interior during the Latvian Presidency of the Council of the EU in 2015.



SESSION 2 MODERATOR

**Borut Eržen**, Senior Programme Manager, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)

As Senior Programme Manager of the Competence Centre for Border Management and Visa at ICMPD HQ in Vienna, Borut Eržen has been involved in numerous border management projects in the EU, the Balkans, Eastern Europe, the South Caucasus, Central Asia, Africa and Latin America. He also works as an expert on different topics related to border management and border security.

Borut has a degree in criminal justice from the University of Ljubljana and holds an LL.M from the European Law Faculty in Ljubljana.

Borut has also 35 years' experience working in senior management positions in the Slovenian Police and Ministry of the Interior. At the operational level, Borut was responsible for management of police units dealing with organised crime, public order and border management.

He also served on secondment to the EU-led police missions in Albania, Kosovo and Macedonia, where he held senior positions with responsibility for police reforms, legislation, security sector reforms and border management. In the area of Integrated Border Management (IBM), Borut is one of the co-authors of *Guidelines for Integrated Border Management in EC External Cooperation* (2009).



SESSION 3 MODERATOR

**Rimutis Klevečka**, Ambassador-at-Large and Special Envoy for Border Management, Republic of Lithuania

Mr. Rimutis Klevečka has 20 years' service in economic diplomacy and 6 years of experience in Lithuanian Customs, which includes work on Customs Establishment, Modernisation, Enforcement, Capacity Building and Integrated Border Management projects. He has a strong background in EU policy on development of the Eastern Neighbourhood Programmes, in particular, in implementation of reforms in the Republic of Moldova and the Republic of Ukraine. From 2002 until 2008 he was seconded to the Customs Department under the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Lithuania in the position of Director General to complete modernisation of Lithuania's Customs and to conduct its preparation for joining the EU Customs Union.

He led development of inter-agency cooperation at national level and international cooperation in customs matters. Under his leadership, the projects on transit of goods to the Kaliningrad region (2004) and on the 'Viking' (Klaipeda – Ilyichevsk, Ukraine) shuttle train (2008) have been successfully implemented. His latest experience is related to participation in projects on Integrated Border Management and particularly in the ongoing implementation of customs modernisation programmes in the Eastern Partnership and Central Asia states.

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