

On October 3, 2024, a meeting was held between the President of Turkmenistan Serdar Berdimuhamedov and the European Union Commissioner for International Cooperation Jutta Urpilainen.

The European Commissioner expressed her deep gratitude to the head of state for the meeting and the opportunity to discuss in a personal conversation the prospects for developing the established dialogue. She conveyed warm greetings and best wishes to the National Leader of the Turkmen people, Chairman of the Halk Maslahaty Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, who made a great personal contribution to strengthening relations between Turkmenistan and the EU countries.

Having greeted the European Union Commissioner, President Serdar Berdimuhamedov wished her success during the high-level meeting to launch the Trans-Caspian Coordination Platform for Transport Crossings and expressed confidence that the agreements reached would contribute to the further development of cooperation between the European Union and the countries of the Central Asian region.

- Turkmenistan attaches great importance to cooperation with the European Union in the political-diplomatic, trade-economic and cultural-humanitarian spheres, - the head of state said, noting with satisfaction that in recent years the partnership between Turkmenistan and the EU has been developing at a high level.

At the same time, it was especially emphasized that long-term ties are consistently strengthening both on a bilateral and multilateral basis, in particular in the Central Asia-European Union format.

During the meeting, an exchange of views took place on the current state and priority areas for the development of constructive cooperation.

At the meeting, it was especially noted that several projects with the European Union in the field of development of science and education, ecology, energy and transport corridors are being successfully implemented in Turkmenistan.

Touching upon the issues of creating new transport corridors, the interlocutors were unanimous in the opinion that, given the advantageous geographical position of Turkmenistan, improving this system is one of the most important issues of our time. Having particularly emphasized the role of Turkmenistan as a reliable transport bridge between Asia and Europe, Jutta Urpilainen highly appreciated the country's active position in expanding multilateral cooperation between the EU and Central Asia in the field of

transport.

It was noted that a number of large-scale projects to develop transportation in the Eurasian space are currently being implemented in stages in Turkmenistan.

Together with the countries of the region and authoritative international organizations, Turkmenistan is actively developing such promising transport corridors as North-South and East-West. In this regard, the head of state expressed confidence that these corridors will become a reliable bridge for the development of cooperation and trade and economic ties between the countries of the Eurasian continent.

At the end of the meeting, President Serdar Berdimuhamedov and EU Commissioner for International Cooperation Jutta Urpilainen exchanged mutual good wishes, expressing confidence in the successful implementation of all planned activities.