

The Central Asia Drug Action Programme (CADAP 7), together with the Ministry of Education of Turkmenistan, will host the **Central Asian Youth Forum** under the theme *“Health and Sustainable Development as a Path to Peace.”* The event will take place on **10-11 September 2025** at the **Institute of Telecommunications and Informatics of Turkmenistan** in Ashgabat.

This Forum is especially significant as it coincides with the **30th Anniversary of Turkmenistan’s Neutrality** and the **Year of Peace and Trust**, highlighting the country’s role in fostering dialogue, cooperation, and stability in the region.

The Forum will bring together **young leaders, experts, and policymakers** from Turkmenistan, Central Asian countries, the European Union and beyond to exchange views on **health, education, digital resilience, and climate awareness**. Sessions will focus on:

- **Addiction prevention and mental health** as foundations of peace
- **Eco-awareness and a healthy environment**
- **Education, innovation, and youth well-being**
- **Digital platforms, AI, and youth startups for peace**

The discussions will conclude with the adoption of a **Final Document and Road Map** for future cooperation between youth in Central Asia and the EU.

Alongside formal sessions, the Forum will also feature cultural activities, including a visit to the **National Museum of Turkmen Carpet**, showcasing Turkmenistan’s rich cultural heritage.

The **Central Asian Youth Forum 2025** reaffirms CADAP’s commitment to empowering young people and strengthening EU-Central Asia cooperation in building a healthier, more sustainable, and peaceful future.