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## EU AND KAZAKHSTAN ADVANCE GLOBAL GATEWAY STRATEGY WITH KEY AGREEMENTS

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During the visit of Commissioner for International Partnership Jozef Síkela, the European Union and Kazakhstan have taken important steps to deepen their cooperation under the Global Gateway strategy by signing key agreements to support sustainable economic growth and regional connectivity.

The Commissioner witnessed the signing ceremony of a EUR 3 million contract to boost cooperation between the EU and Central Asia in the critical raw materials area. The agreement, implemented by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, will facilitate the identification of joint projects and promote international best practices for sustainable and responsible supply chains in the CRM sector.

During his visit to Kazakhstan, Commissioner for International Partnerships Jozef Síkela stated: The EU and Kazakhstan are natural partners. Europe needs reliable access to critical raw materials, which are essential for modernizing our economy, and we are committed to advancing mutually beneficial cooperation with Kazakhstan on their extraction and development. This partnership will support all Central Asian countries, including Kazakhstans economic growth, strengthen its industrial capacity, create new opportunities for Kazakh businesses, drive innovation, and generate high-quality jobs.

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