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## UZBEKISTAN AND EU DISCUSS €12 BILLION IN NEW PROJECTS

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*On May 13 in Tashkent, President Shavkat Mirziyoyev met with Eduards Stiprais, the European Unions Special Representative for Central Asia, according to the presidential press service, with the two sides reviewing the outcomes of the first Central Asia-European Union Summit, held in Samarkand in April, and discussing ways to implement its decisions.*

The talks focused on strengthening both bilateral and regional partnerships, with particular attention to advancing investment and technical cooperation initiatives valued at    billion. The parties also exchanged views on key regional developments and discussed plans for upcoming joint events.

Economic ties between Uzbekistan and the EU have accelerated in recent years. Since 2020, trade between the two has doubled to more than    billion, while Uzbek exports to the EU have quadrupled. Over a thousand joint ventures have been launched, and the value of European investment projects in Uzbekistan now exceeds €30 billion.

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