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Terrorism, Transnational Crime, and Corruption Center  
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host:

**Aleksandr Zelitchenko**

**Coordinator of the EU Central Asian Drug Action Program  
Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan**

**“Current Drug Trends in Central Asia”**



Aleksandr Zelitchenko is currently Coordinator of the EU Central Asian Drug Action Program, CADAP-5 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. He obtained his doctorate at the Kyrgyz-Russian Slavic University by completing research focused on the roots and history of Afghan narco-expansion.

He is a retired Colonel of the Kyrgyz State Police. He is one of the founders and first leaders of the Special Drug Control Service under the Ministry of Internal Affairs as well as Director of The Central Asian Drug Policy Center in The State Commission on Drug Control under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Zelitchenko has more than 30 years of experience in the Kyrgyz State Police at operational, supervisory, command levels (1978 – 2007). He has a wide range of experience in the Police Drug Control Service, Criminal Police, Community Police and Police Reform. He has extensive experience in multi-cultural and post-conflict environments during Cross-Border Cooperation Projects in the Central Asian region and Missions in Kosovo, Macedonia and Serbia/Montenegro. In 2000–2004, Zelitchenko was a member of UNOSCE Missions to Kosovo and Macedonia. He became a Team Leader for the International Police Instructors in the post-conflict area of Southern Serbia. He trained more than 700 police officers from Kosovo and Serbia in crime prevention, general policing, anti-drug activities and community policing Issues.

He is also a PhD member of the Journalists Association of Kyrgyzstan and National Writers Association of Kyrgyzstan. He is the author of hundreds articles, essays and stories on subjects of law-enforcement activity against criminal offences, drug-business and terrorism, published in Kyrgyz, Russian, Polish, Serbian and English. Collaborating with TraCCC in 2011, Zelitchenko edited the book, *Kyrgyzstan: Drug-Driven Economy*. Among his other publications are: «History of Afghan narco-expansion of 1990th» (Bishkek, 2003), books «Narco-expansion» (Bishkek, 1997), «Kosovo diary» (Bishkek, 2003), “Saboteur from Murghab”, (Bishkek, 2010), “Our peace- keepers on the Balkans”, (Moscow, 2007, Belgrade, 2007), “Heroin: Formula 1” (Bishkek 2009).

He has been awarded 11 medals, including two UN Medals for peacekeeping service, Kyrgyz State Governmental Medal "Erdik", and a Medal from Drug Enforcement Agency of The Kyrgyz Republic for Outstanding Contribution in the Field of Drug Law Enforcement.

*Opening Remarks given by Dr. Louise Shelley, Founder and Director of TraCCC*

**Date:** Tuesday, February 21st, 12:00pm-2:00pm

**Location:** Room 113, Founders Hall,  
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