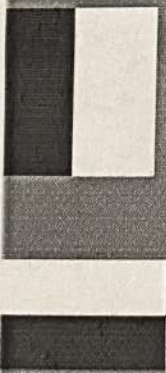


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## **Aspects of the “Greater Turkestan” idea in the wake of the EAEU’s weakening**

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In connection with the Russian “special military operation” in Ukraine, the geopolitical attitudes of many countries of the world have changed. In turn, political scientists began to speak of a possible failure of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU), of the Collective Security Treaty Organisation (CSTO) and of the possible emergence of new unions in CIS territories.

This chapter analyses the situation in the post-Soviet space, the creation of a new regional union of Central Asian countries. It suggests that the time has come to implement the idea of a Greater Turkestan, proposed by Mustafa Shokay at the beginning of the 20th century. The main purpose here is to analyse the idea of strengthening the Organisation of Turkic States with the participation of the countries of Central Asia at the time of weakening of the EAEU. The chapter thus substantiates the implementation of the idea of Greater Turkestan, based on methods of thematic analysis, comparative analysis, as well as historical methods. It assesses the possibilities of implementing the idea of a Greater Turkestan in the current difficult geopolitical conditions.

### **The historical situation: A brief history of the origin and development of the idea of a “Greater Turkestan”**

Towards the end of the 19th century, the idea of creating a unified Turkic world in Central Asia, in Turkestan, which is considered the centre of the Turkic world, came to the fore. The founders of the Greater Turkestan movement aimed to contribute to the strengthening of the Turkic world by

Today it is only possible to create a confederation of Turkic-speaking states, which includes not only the countries of Central Asia, but also Azerbaijan and Turkey. The idea of a Greater Turkestan has not come to life. It has evolved, supplemented by new ideas and will be implemented in the form of the Organisation of Turkic States. This organisation can actually become a strong alliance that will serve the needs and aspirations of their people. It will become a platform for consultation and coordination among member states aimed at promoting peace, stability and security in their region and at the international level.