

Joint Statement of the Speakers/Presidents and high-level representatives of the Parliaments of the Three Seas Initiative Participating States

We, the Speakers/Presidents and other high-level representatives of the Parliaments of the Participating States of the Three Seas Initiative, gathered at the Parliamentary Summit of the Three Seas Initiative in Zagreb, Croatia,

Welcoming the participation by the Initiative's strategic partners - the European Commission, Spain and Türkiye, by its associated participating states - Albania and Ukraine; by the Summit's special guests representing Azerbaijan, the European Parliament, NATO Parliamentary Assembly and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean, as well as by the diplomatic representatives of the Czech Republic, Germany, Japan, Montenegro, the Republic of Moldova and the United States of America,

Aware of the increasingly complex global security environment, accompanied by energy volatility, supply chain vulnerabilities, intensified technological rivalry and deepened economic competition,

Recalling the outcomes of the first Parliamentary Forum of the Three Seas Initiative in Tallinn (2021) and the second Parliamentary Forum in Riga (2022), which highlighted the role of the parliaments and parliamentary diplomacy in addressing 3SI's goals and in raising its visibility for our citizens;

Acknowledging the responsibility parliaments have in contributing to the broader ambitions of the Three Seas Initiative (3SI):

- commend the added value of the 3SI for strengthening the cohesion, competitiveness and resilience of the Adriatic, Baltic and Black Seas regions and of the European Union (EU) as a whole,
- underline the importance of further enhancing transatlantic relations and cooperation, particularly in the areas of energy security and technology,
- declare our openness to exploring opportunities for linking the Initiative with other international strategic connectivity projects, such as the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) and the Trans-Caspian International Transport Route, as well as to pursuing additional collaboration prospects aimed at facilitating the achievement of the Initiative's goals,

- highlight the role of the Initiative in fostering investment and innovation across the 3SI region and beyond,
- emphasize the 3SI's potential to contribute to the success of the EU's enlargement policy, including through concrete project-oriented cooperation between EU Member States and EU membership candidate countries,
- strongly condemn Russia's aggression against Ukraine, reassert our unwavering solidarity with the people of Ukraine, our support to Ukraine's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity, and to achieving a comprehensive, just and lasting peace based on the principles of the UN Charter and international law,
- underline the supporting role that the 3SI may have in the reconstruction process of Ukraine and integration of its strategic economic sectors into European infrastructure networks.

Furthermore, *recognizing* that the 3SI's long-term success corresponds with its ability to efficiently translate its objectives into heightened EU cohesion, competitiveness and resilience,

Underlining the role of parliaments in fostering legislative and regulatory alignment, and reducing the administrative burden, thereby facilitating more effective cooperation within the 3SI region,

Recalling the legislators' responsibilities in adopting national budgets, by which they significantly contribute to the successful realization of the Initiative's priority projects,

We remain committed to supporting the Initiative's long-term goals and strengthening its parliamentary dimension by, *inter alia*, investing further efforts into:

- ensuring that 3SI high-level parliamentary meetings are held regularly,
- promoting cooperation between specific national parliamentary bodies (e.g. committees, sub-committees, parliamentary working groups) or using other mechanisms that ensure a coherent and regular parliamentary consideration in order to facilitate more substantive inter-parliamentary collaboration within the 3SI,
- exchanging best practices on legislative frameworks, regulatory alignment or parliamentary oversight mechanisms, when deemed useful,
- deepening relations with national presidential administrations and/or governments which actively participate in the work of the Initiative,

- exploring new modalities of interaction with other institutions and experts, national and international, as well as with business and investment community,
- raising public awareness of the 3SI by communicating its added value to citizens, fostering informed public debate and increasing its visibility throughout the participating states.

Therefore, *dedicated* to advancing overall strategic parliamentary engagement within the 3SI, and

Expecting the outcomes of the Zagreb Parliamentary Summit to contribute to the quality of discussions and results of the Dubrovnik Summit of Heads of State or Government of the Three Seas Initiative, on 28–29 April 2026,

We confirm our readiness to remain active, responsible, cooperative and forward-looking partners in the Initiative's continued development, for the benefit of all the citizens that our parliaments represent.

Adopted in Zagreb, on 25 March 2026, and supported by the parliaments of associated participating states of the Three Seas Initiative - Albania, the Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Ukraine, and Türkiye, as Strategic Partner of the Initiative.