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A Black Sea Regional Policy Approach  
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Amendment by Tiberiu Bărbulețiu

Amendment 1

Paragraph 1

1. Notes that the Black Sea Synergy initiative is built around three strategies concerning the Black Sea region, namely enlargement towards South-East Europe and Turkey, the European Neighbourhood Policy and the four EU/Russia common spaces; regrets, however, that bilateral relations dominate in each of these strategies ***and calls for the development of a multilateral framework for cooperation that enhances regional synergy***;

Or. en

Amendment by Maria Petre

Amendment 2

Paragraph 1

1. Notes that the Black Sea Synergy initiative is built around three strategies concerning the Black Sea region, namely enlargement towards South-East Europe and Turkey, the European Neighbourhood Policy and the four EU/Russia common spaces; regrets, however, that bilateral relations dominate in each of these strategies, ***and stresses the importance of developing a Black Sea regional cooperation dimension***;

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Or. ro

Amendment by Evgeni Kirilov

Amendment 3  
Paragraph 1 a (new)

- 1a. *Emphasises the importance of applying the EU's regional policy approach in the Black Sea region as a significant tool with which to stimulate the democratic, social and economic development of and trans-border cooperation among the countries in this region;***

Or. en

Amendment by Maria Petre

Amendment 4  
Paragraph 2

- 2. *Stresses the need to increase EU funding for regional development projects,*** approves the doubling of the financial resources made available under the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument for the funding of cross-border projects, and calls on the Commission to inform Parliament of the implementation of these funds and progress made, by means of short biannual reports;

Or. ro

Amendment by Gisela Kallenbach and Elisabeth Schroedter

Amendment 5  
Paragraph 2

- 2.** Approves the doubling of the financial resources made available under the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument for the funding of cross-border projects; ***calls for the principles governing the Structural Funds, in particular partnership, sustainability, efficiency, non-discrimination and decentralisation, to be applied to the use of these financial resources as well;*** calls on the Commission to inform Parliament of the implementation of these funds and progress made, by means of short bi-annual reports;

Or. de

Amendment by Rumiana Jeleva, Lambert van Nistelrooij

Amendment 6  
Paragraph 2 a (new)

**2a. *Recalls that increased cooperation among the countries neighbouring the Black Sea has a positive effect on the development of the villages, cities and regions of those states and should therefore be further supported and encouraged;***

Or. en

Amendment by Gisela Kallenbach and Elisabeth Schroedter

Amendment 7  
Paragraph 2 a (new)

**2a. *Calls on the Commission, acting in cooperation with the beneficiary States, to lay down the reporting requirements before the resources are disbursed with a view to monitoring and assessing to what extent the use of those resources is sustainable and efficient;***

Or. de

Amendment by Tiberiu Bărbulețiu

Amendment 8  
Paragraph 2 a (new)

**2a. *Calls for a rational use of Community financial instruments through better coordination of the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument, the Structural Funds and the pre-accession funds available to the region;***

Or. en

Amendment by Gisela Kallenbach and Elisabeth Schroedter

Amendment 9  
Paragraph 2 b (new)

**2b. *Calls on the Commission to make the decentralised financial instrument Small Project Funds available for people-to-people projects in the area of cross-border cooperation and to make special efforts to encourage use of that instrument;***

Or. de

Amendment by Tiberiu Bărbulețiu

Amendment 10  
Paragraph 2 b (new)

**2b. Stresses the need to reinforce capacity building among local and regional stakeholders in the Black Sea region as regards programming and project preparation and implementation in order to ensure efficient management of Community financial instruments;**

Or. en

Amendment by Gisela Kallenbach and Elisabeth Schroedter

Amendment 11  
Paragraph 2 c (new)

**2c. Urges that the use of financial resources must not be at odds with the objectives of EU policies;**

Or. de

Amendment by Evgeni Kirilov

Amendment 12  
Paragraph 3

3. Calls on the Commission to **strengthen** its relations with the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) and other regional organizations involved with economic and social development, **and to propose a more concrete mechanism for cooperation between the European Union and these organisations**, particularly now that three Member States of the Union are also *members* of the BSEC and that other Black Sea states are candidates for membership of the European Union;

Or. en

Amendment by Maria Petre

Amendment 13  
Paragraph 3

3. Calls on the Commission to improve its relations with the Organisation of the Black

Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) and other regional organisations involved with economic and social development, **and also to promote human rights and the implantation of sustainable democracy (with organisations such as the Black Sea Forum)**, particularly now that three Member States of the Union are also member of the BSEC and that other Black Sea states are candidates for membership of the European Union;

Or. ro

Amendment by Rumiana Jeleva, Lambert van Nistelrooij

Amendment 14  
Paragraph 3

3. Calls on the Commission to improve its relations with the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) and other regional organisations involved with economic and social development, particularly now that, **following the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union**, three Member States of the Union are also **members** of the BSEC and that other **BSEC members** are **either** candidates for membership of the European Union **or involved in the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) and the European Neighbourhood Programme Initiative (ENPI)**;

Or. en

Amendment by Tunne Kelam

Amendment 15  
Paragraph 3

3. Calls on the Commission to improve its relations with the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) and other regional organisations involved with economic and social development, particularly now that three Member States of the Union are also member of the **BSEC** and that other **BSEC members** are candidates **(Turkey) or potential candidates (Albania and Serbia)** for membership of the European Union;

Or. en

Amendment by Tiberiu Bărbulețiu

Amendment 16  
Paragraph 3

3. Calls on the Commission to improve its relations with the Organisation of the Black

Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) and other regional organisations involved with economic and social development, particularly now that three Member States of the Union are also member of the BSEC and that other Black Sea states are candidates for membership of the European Union; ***to this end, calls on the Commission to clarify the ways in which the BSEC could be involved in the various Community-sponsored initiatives in the region;***

Or. en

Amendment by Gisela Kallenbach and Elisabeth Schroedter

Amendment 17  
Paragraph 3 a (new)

***3a. Calls for existing links between the European Parliament and the Parliamentary Assembly of the BSEC to be strengthened and to be further developed institutionally in the context of the implementation of Black Sea synergy;***

Or. de

Amendment by Tiberiu Bărbulețiu

Amendment 18  
Paragraph 3 a (new)

***3a. Calls on the Commission to encourage Black Sea partner states to take joint ownership of the Black Sea Synergy initiative by associating regional stakeholders in setting up programme priorities and identifying feasible projects of mutual interest that are likely to have a significant regional impact;***

Or. en

Amendment by Tiberiu Bărbulețiu

Amendment 19  
Paragraph 3 b (new)

***3b. Emphasises that cross-border cooperation platforms such as Euroregions can play an essential role in tackling common challenges and in reinforcing regional synergy between local and regional authorities in the Black Sea region; in this context, welcomes the initiative of a Black Sea Euroregion and encourages the Commission to enhance cooperation with the Council in order to support its establishment and development;***

Or. en

Amendment by Gisela Kallenbach and Elisabeth Schroedter

Amendment 20

Paragraph 3 b (new)

**3b. Welcomes the proposed relaxation of visa requirements for the Republic of Moldova; takes the view that lawful entry into the EU from the Black Sea states should not be made more difficult by bureaucratic and financial obstacles;**

Or. de

Amendment by Tunne Kelam

Amendment 21

Paragraph 4

4. Regrets the fact that, despite its huge potential in terms of energy resources and transport possibilities, the region suffers from frozen conflicts, environmental problems and inadequate border controls, with the result that organised crime and illegal immigration flourish; **therefore welcomes all initiatives to encourage cross-border cooperation in this region, stressing the need for European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) help in improving the technical capacity of these states to combat illegal immigration and organised crime and in modernising their infrastructure;**

Or. en

Amendment by Maria Petre

Amendment 22

Paragraph 4

4. Regrets the fact that, despite its huge potential in terms of energy resources and transport possibilities, the region suffers from frozen conflicts, **conflictive relations inside its countries**, environmental problems and inadequate border controls, with the result that organised crime and illegal immigration flourish **and all these circumstances create a major obstacle to the development of Black Sea regional cooperation; stresses the importance of tackling these problems and the need for more active involvement on the part of the EU;**

Or. ro

Amendment by Rumiana Jeleva, Lambert van Nistelrooij

Amendment 23  
Paragraph 4

4. Regrets the fact that, despite its huge potential in terms of energy resources and transport possibilities, the region suffers from *(deletion)* environmental problems, inadequate border controls, *and in some areas even frozen conflicts, which together not only undermine the development prospects of the region, but also lead to an increased level of* organised crime and illegal immigration *(deletion)*;

Or. en

Amendment by Gisela Kallenbach and Elisabeth Schroedter

Amendment 24  
Paragraph 4

4. Regrets the fact that, despite its huge potential in terms of energy resources and *for a future European integrated energy system*, the regions suffer from frozen conflicts, environmental problems and *arbitrary administrative practices*;

Or. de

Amendment by Grażyna Staniszevska

Amendment 25  
Paragraph 4

4. Regrets the fact that, despite its huge potential in terms of energy resources and transport possibilities, *some parts of* the region *suffer* from frozen conflicts, environmental problems and inadequate border controls, with the result that organised crime and illegal immigration flourish;

Or. pl

Amendment by Gisela Kallenbach and Elisabeth Schroedter

Amendment 26  
Paragraph 4 a (new)

- 4a. *Calls on the Commission to ensure that measures to promote the energy and transport sectors give priority to the requirements of energy efficiency, environmental protection and, in particular, climate protection;*



Or. de

Amendment by Rumiana Jeleva, Lambert van Nistelrooij

Amendment 27

Paragraph 5

5. Encourages the Commission in its efforts to stimulate Black Sea synergy and notes that this strategy might be extended beyond the Black Sea region to the Caspian Basin and on to central Asia; in this context, encourages the Commission in its involvement in bilateral *and particular multilateral* efforts to raise human rights standards, develop democratic institutions in the area and promote good *and decentralised* governance and the rule of law; *encourages the Member States to work with their regional authorities to increase the participation of citizens and NGOs;*

Or. en

Amendment by Rumiana Jeleva and Lambert van Nistelrooij

Amendment 28

Paragraph 5

5. Encourages the Commission in its efforts to stimulate Black Sea synergy and notes that this strategy might be extended beyond the Black Sea region to the Caspian Basin and on to central Asia; in this context, encourages the Commission in its involvement in bilateral efforts to raise human rights standards, develop democratic institutions in the area and promote good governance and the rule of law, *with the aim of creating an authentic area of democracy and prosperity;*

Or. ro

Amendment by Rumiana Jeleva, Lambert van Nistelrooij

Amendment 29

Paragraph 5 a (new)

- 5a. *Emphasises the link between interregional cooperation, regional development, good governance, a decentralised approach, democracy, the promotion of human rights and prosperity, and thus recalls the importance of current programmes and initiatives to increase the stability of and improve cooperation among the states of the Black Sea region;*

Or. en

Amendment by Maria Petre

Amendment 30  
Paragraph 6

6. Applauds the success of the EU border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine, **recommends its further consolidation**, and awaits with interest the Commission communication on **improving the management of** migration and illegal immigration; expresses the opinion that economic development, security and stability are the keys to resolving frozen conflict and that every effort should be made in these areas;

Or. ro

Amendment by Grażyna Staniszevska

Amendment 31  
Paragraph 6

6. Applauds the success of the EU border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine and awaits with interest the Commission communication on migration and illegal immigration; expresses the opinion that economic development, security and stability **and political dialogue** are the keys to resolving frozen conflict and that every effort should be made in these areas;

Or. pl

Amendment by Rumiana Jeleva, Lambert van Nistelrooij

Amendment 32  
Paragraph 6 a (new)

- 6a. **Regards the environmental pollution of the Black Sea as a severe obstacle to the development of the region, and therefore encourages the Commission to apply the approach of the DABLAS Task Force (for the Danube and the Black Sea) to resolve the problems, focussing not only on the Danube but also on the Dniester and Dnieper river basins;**

Or. en

Amendment by Tiberiu Bărbulețiu

Amendment 33  
Paragraph 6 a (new)

- 6a. Emphasises that successful implementation of regional projects in areas of common interest could increase mutual confidence among partners and bring about progress towards resolving conflicts;**

Or. en

Amendment by Tiberiu Bărbulețiu

Amendment 34  
Paragraph 7

7. Encourages the Commission in its efforts to enhance its relations with energy suppliers and to pursue a fruitful dialogue on energy security, thus promoting legal and regulatory harmonisation **and sustainable development** through the BAKU initiative (an energy dialogue between the EU and the countries of the Black Sea, Caspian Basin and their neighbours) and the EU-Russia Energy Dialogue;

Or. pl

Amendment by Maria Petre

Amendment 35  
Paragraph 7

7. Encourages the Commission in its efforts to enhance its relations with energy suppliers and to pursue a fruitful dialogue on energy security, thus promoting **energy diversification and** legal and regulatory harmonisation through the Baku initiative (an energy dialogue between the EU and the countries of the Black Sea, Caspian Basin and their neighbours) and the EU-Russia Energy Dialogue;

Or. ro

Amendment by Rumiana Jeleva, Lambert van Nistelrooij

Amendment 36  
Paragraph 7 a (new)

- 7a. Recalls the important role of a functioning infrastructure for the proper development of the Black Sea region, and therefore welcomes the Commission's**

*proposal to continue the support for regional transport cooperation, which should lead to better connections and improved roads, as well as a more efficient set-up and supervision of waterways;*

Or. en

Amendment by Nikolaos Vakalis

Amendment 37

Paragraph 8

8. Welcomes the development of the new Trans-Caspian – Black Sea strategic energy corridor, *the planned new Russia-Greece-Italy natural gas pipeline (South Stream) and the completion of the Turkey-Greece-Italy natural gas pipeline*, as well as the progressive extension of the Energy Community Treaty to Turkey, Moldova and Ukraine.

Or. el