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Draft opinion
Metin Kazak
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on an EU Strategy for the Black Sea
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Amendment 1
Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1. Recognises that the financial crisis has hit the Black Sea region hard, sharply halting a period of growth averaging 6% per annum as well as the inflow of foreign capital, and has put the region's financial system under extreme stress; emphasises that this needs to be addressed by strengthening financial and banking regulations, improving fiscal credibility and transparency, intensifying regional cooperation and enhancing coordination among regional organisations such as the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC);

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Or. de

Amendment 2
Jan Zahradil

Draft opinion
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cooperation and enhancing coordination among regional organisations such as the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC);

tax fraud, tax evasion and corruption, intensifying regional cooperation and enhancing coordination among regional organisations such as the ***Organisation of the*** Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC);

Or. en

Amendment 3
Maria Eleni Koppa

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Paragraph 2

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2. Considers that the Black Sea Synergy (BSS) initiative, presented in 2007, did provide new impetus to regional cooperation in the Black Sea region, but deplores the fact that the administrative and fiscal resources allocated for its implementation have been insufficient; considers that EU regional initiatives should not be duplicated and that the strategy for the Black Sea should not be overshadowed by similar regional initiatives; recommends that all partners in the Black Sea region should be included in a future Black Sea Strategy;

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2. Considers that the Black Sea Synergy (BSS) initiative, presented in 2007, did provide new impetus to regional cooperation in the Black Sea region ***and should help create greater confidence between the countries of the region and remove some obstacles***, but deplores the fact that the administrative and fiscal resources allocated for its implementation have been insufficient; considers that EU regional initiatives should not be duplicated and that the strategy for the Black Sea should not be overshadowed by similar regional initiatives; recommends that all partners in the Black Sea region should be included in a future Black Sea Strategy;

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Or. en

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a future Black Sea Strategy;

Black Sea Synergy and the Eastern partnership should not be duplicative but complementary in order to avoid overlapping agendas, regional rivalry and insufficient institutional capacity and that the strategy for the Black Sea should not be overshadowed by similar regional initiatives; recommends that all partners in the Black Sea region should be included in a future Black Sea Strategy; ***underlines the urgent need to tackle the protracted conflicts of the region;***

Or. en

Amendment 6
George Sabin Cutaş

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Or. en

Amendment 7

Iuliu Winkler, Béla Glattfelder

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Or. en

Amendment 8

Iuliu Winkler, Béla Glattfelder

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recommends that the strategy for Black Sea has to coagulate all financial support in the region, from European Neighbourhood Policy Funding, structural funds or pre-accession funds orienting them to the critical sectors which will thus benefit of a sound financial perspective in the future;

Or. en

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Or. en

Amendment 10
Jan Zahradil

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Or. en

Amendment 11
Jan Zahradil

Draft opinion
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4. Welcomes the project-based approach under the BSS, notably the Environment Partnership, and considers that the planned partnerships on transport and energy are crucial for sustainable development in the region; ***considers*** that green development and energy efficiency, which can drive market incentives and long-term investment, should be further prioritised; takes the view that the Black Sea Ring Highway and the Motorways of the Sea

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4. Welcomes the project-based approach under the BSS, notably ***ongoing formal negotiations with some BSEC member countries to join the Energy Community Treaty, which provides for the implementation of the Community acquis in the electricity and gas sectors, and*** the Environment Partnership; considers that the planned partnerships on ***developing*** transport and energy ***infrastructure*** are crucial for sustainable development in the

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region *and its further cooperation with the EU in those key areas*; stresses that *long-term energy contracts between BSEC member countries and the EU, joint undertakings such as the Trans-Caspian-Black Sea Gas Corridor as well as green development and energy efficiency projects*, which can drive market incentives and long-term investment, should be further prioritised; takes the view that the Black Sea Ring Highway and the Motorways of the Sea would considerably increase the opportunities for trade and development in the region; underlines, however, the need for thorough environmental impact assessments and improved marine safety;

Or. en

Amendment 12 **Maria Eleni Koppa**

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4. Welcomes the project-based approach under the BSS, notably the Environment Partnership, and considers that *even though* the planned partnerships on transport and energy are crucial, *they are not progressing fast enough* for sustainable development in the region; considers that green development should be further prioritised *and that greater efforts should be focused on renewable sources of energy* and energy efficiency, which can drive market incentives and long-term investment; takes the view that the Black Sea Ring Highway and the Motorways of the Sea would considerably increase the opportunities for trade and development in the region; underlines, however, the need for thorough

environmental impact assessments and improved *maritime surveillance cooperation in order to ensure the safety of maritime transport and environmental protection*;

Or. fr

Amendment 13
Iuliu Winkler

Draft opinion
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4. Welcomes the project-based approach under the BSS, notably the Environment Partnership, and considers that the planned partnerships on transport and energy are crucial for sustainable development in the region *which should be driven towards integration into the new European internal energy market; considers that the region could be a joint area of the energetic projects such as the Nabucco, South Stream, AGRI, PEOP oil pipeline*; considers that green development and energy efficiency, which can drive market incentives and long-term investment, should be further prioritised *and that renewable energy sources have the potential to make a large contribution to a future global energy security*; takes the view that the Black Sea Ring Highway and the Motorways of the Sea would considerably increase the opportunities for trade and development in the region; underlines, however, the need for thorough environmental impact assessments and improved marine safety;

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Amendment 14
Metin Kazak

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Or. en

Amendment 15
George Sabin Cutaş

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Or. en

Amendment 16
Iuliu Winkler, Béla Glattfelder,

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

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Amendment

4a. Emphasises that the development and capacity enlargement of Black Sea ports, especially Constanța should be a priority for both the Danube Strategy and the BSS, in order to ensure a better use of the trade route provided by the Danube, which is one of the most important inland waterway of Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

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5. Emphasises that the increased number of WTO member states in the region, where all but two states are now members, positively contributes to the establishment of a predictable and stable trade regime; recommends that the Black Sea countries continue the adjustment of national legislation to WTO rules and multilateral trade principles, including EU trade-related *acquis*; invites them to step up the gradual elimination of trade barriers ***with the aim of further trade liberalisation***, including simplification of customs procedures ***and tax regimes***; considers that enhanced cooperation at parliamentary level, both bilaterally and with the Parliamentary Assembly of the BSEC, PABSEC and the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO, would further benefit the process.

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Amendment 18
Maria Eleni Koppa

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Or. en

