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**PRESS STATEMENT BY THE CO-PRESIDENTS,
MEP Andrius KUBILIUS and MP Maka BOTCHORISHVILI**

**on the occasion of the Eastern Partnership Summit to be held
on 15 December 2021 in Brussels, Belgium**

Brussels, 10 December, 2021 - The Bureau adopted a message addressed to participants of the upcoming Eastern Partnership Summit. After the adoption of the message, the Co-Presidents issued the following statement:

The bureau proposes to pursue a clear EU policy of accelerated integration of the Eastern partnership countries into the EU Single Market

On 3 December 2021, the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly Bureau has adopted the message to the Eastern Partnership Summit, which will take place on 15 December 2021. The Euronest PA Bureau in this message has asked to generate an additional geopolitical impulse to the European integration debate, which is needed to inspire and maintain the motivation of the Eastern Partners for reforms and to facilitate development and stability in our region. The Bureau message has advocated for striking the right balance between a prudent differentiation principle and inclusiveness.

The Bureau message urged the EU leaders to elaborate a more ambitious and strategic Eastern Partnership policy and proposed to pursue a clear EU policy of accelerated integration of the Eastern Partnership countries into the EU Single Market, which will be tailored to the ambitions and achievements of the partner countries. The Bureau proposed that such an integration could follow the Romano Prodi formula of ‘everything, but institutions’ integration flagged up in 2002, as was also the case with the integration of Nordic countries and Austria into the European Economic Area back in 1990s.

Finally, we as the Co-Presidents in our letter to the leaders of the Eastern Partnership Summit call upon the EU institutions, being the organisers of the summit, to follow the example of the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly and extend an invitation to the leadership of democratic Belarus to take part in the Eastern Partnership Summit on 15 December 2021. We believe that the future of democratic Belarus is in the family of European democratic countries.

Link to the Euronest PA Bureau Message addressed to the Eastern Partnership Summit 2021:
<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/cmsdata/243445/Euronest%20PA%20Bureau%20message%20to%20the%20Eastern%20Partnership%20Summit%202021.pdf>