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The European Union has created an opportunity, within its neighbourhood policy, to step up the dialogue with the countries of the former Soviet bloc. The final Joint Declaration of the Eastern Partnership Summit, which took place in Warsaw on 29-30 September, stresses the importance of cooperation and dialogue over Eastern Partnership policies in the field of education, research and culture. It makes reference to the launch of the Eastern Partnership Youth Programme and the continuation of the Eastern Partnership Culture Programme and to participation in relevant programmes.

The Joint Declaration emphasises that the High Representative/Vice-President of the Commission intends to propose, by the end of this year, a roadmap, in consultation with partners, that will list objectives, instruments and actions, and guide and monitor their implementation until the next Summit in the second half of 2013. These programmes cannot run properly unless both sides make a contribution.

What monitoring instruments do institutions and organisations in the Eastern Partnership countries have to ensure the effective implementation of the programmes in question?

What will the Commission do to familiarise the Eastern Partnership countries with the EU 2020 Agenda, particularly through dialogue with the regional authorities, in order to prepare those countries to fall in with future EU policies?