



SEECP Sofia Summit Declaration

30th Anniversary of the South-East European Cooperation Process

“Compass towards stability, security and sustainability”

Sofia, 10 June 2026

We, the Participants of the South-East European Cooperation Process (SEECP) Summit, President Iliana Iotova, President Nataša Pirc Musar, President Jakov Milatović, Chairman of the Presidency Denis Bećirovič, President Gordana Siljanovska-Davkova, President Bajram Begaj, Acting President Albulena Haxhiu, Prime Minister Đuro Macut, Prime Minister Alexandru Munteanu, Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan, Foreign Minister George Gerapetritis, Foreign Minister Oana-Silvia Țoiu, Foreign and European Affairs Minister Gordan Grlić-Radman, together with the Secretary General of the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) Amer Kapetanović and representatives of the European External Action Service, gathered in Sofia on 10 June 2026, on the eve of the 30th Anniversary of the Process,

RECONFIRMING our commitment to the founding principles of the SEECP Charter, the Charter of the United Nations, and the relevant documents of the European Union, the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe and the Council of Europe;

REITERATING the key importance of the SEECP as the genuine homegrown, inclusive political format for regional cooperation and as a factor for security, stability, and prosperity in Southeast Europe;

REAFFIRMING the essential values of democracy, the rule of law, and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms as the basis of social and economic progress;

EMPHASISING the important role of the SEECP in facilitating the EU integration process of the region;

ACKNOWLEDGING the contribution of the RCC, as the SEECP operational arm, in enhancing regional cooperation in Southeast Europe;

DETERMINED to continue promoting the principle of good neighbourly relations through intensified regional cooperation in political, security, economic, trade, cultural, and educational areas;

MARKING the 30th Anniversary of the SEECP, and **RECALLING** its establishment with the Sofia Declaration of 1996, we acknowledge the profound transformation our region has undergone over the past three decades, marked by reconciliation, cooperation and progressive integration into the European community and Euro-Atlantic partnership. During this period,



several SEECP Participants have acceded to the European Union, while the remaining ones continue on their EU paths, guided by shared values, sustained reforms, and strengthened regional cooperation. The established regional fora for political dialogue and cooperation have fostered a stronger sense of unity, contributing significantly to peace, security, and stability throughout the region;

FURTHER RECALLING the establishment of the RCC as the successor to the Stability Pact, its role in guiding and supporting the work of relevant regional taskforces, initiatives and organisations in specific thematic areas, which strengthen regional ownership, practical cooperation, and our collective commitment to democracy, rule of law, human rights, solidarity and a shared European future; **APPRECIATING** the cooperation of RCC Secretariat with other regional initiatives and organizations;¹

RECOGNISING the cumulative contribution of all SEECP Participants to the advancement of regional cooperation over the past three decades, and **RECALLING** the key political declarations that have guided this Process since 1996 - as listed in **Annex I** to this Declaration;

RECOGNISING that throughout three decades the SEECP has evolved into a unique and credible political framework, delivering concrete results in strengthening political dialogue, fostering trust and reconciliation, enhancing connectivity and economic cooperation, anchoring firmly the EU perspective of the region and advancing the Euro-Atlantic relations; and **NOTING** that Sofia's four Chairmanships-in-Office including those marking the 10th, 20th and 30th Anniversaries of the Process have played a meaningful role in strengthening institutional development, promoting inclusiveness and shaping the strategic direction of the Process;

STANDING UNITED in our unwavering support for and solidarity with Ukraine as it defends its sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity, and **REITERATING** our support for a comprehensive, just and lasting peace based on the UN Charter and international law; **RECOGNISING** that the continuing war of aggression against Ukraine and rising geopolitical challenges underscore the need for greater focus of the EU on Southeast Europe;

FOLLOWING WITH CONCERN the latest military crisis in the Middle East and calling for an immediate cessation of destabilising actions that affect international trade, energy security, supply chains and global economy, as well as a strict adherence to international law in line with UNSC Resolution 2817;

CONCERNING the Gaza Strip, we call for the implementation of the Peace plan endorsed through UNSC Resolution 2803;

¹ Such as Adriatic-Ionian Initiative, Balkans Peace Platform, Berlin Process, Central European Initiative, Delphi Initiative, Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation, Union for the Mediterranean.



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COMMITTING to the full implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the 2030 Agenda, in line with the South East Europe 2030 Strategy (SEE 2030), aimed at fostering green and digital transitions, enhancing social cohesion, and ensuring sustainable economic growth that builds long-term resilience across Southeast Europe;

RECALLING the previous SEECP Summit Declarations, which paved the way for and endorsed the SEE2030 Strategy as a regional framework for advancing the implementation of the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

PROMOTING strengthened people-to-people contacts and the full realisation of the region's economic potential as essential elements in bringing the entire SEE region closer to the EU;

WORKING IN COOPERATION with other European fora and formats of regional cooperation, on the principles of regional ownership, equal opportunities and all-inclusiveness, which remain fundamental for the successful and substantive implementation of regional cooperation in Southeast Europe;

WE ADOPT this Joint Declaration on the occasion of the 30th Anniversary of the SEECP, as a pledge to a stable, prosperous and sustainable future for our region and have agreed the following:

EU INTEGRATION

WE REAFFIRM our steadfast and unequivocal commitment to the European Union perspective of all SEECP Participants and Kyiv, aspiring to join the EU, being confident that their future lies within the European family and the enlargement is realistic and attainable opportunity to be achieved in line with the set criteria and merit-based process;

WE RECALL that since the establishment of the SEECP in 1996, our region has consistently recognised EU integration as a shared aspiration and a realistically attainable goal, and that successive Chairmanships-in-Office have repeatedly underscored the importance of fostering multilateral cooperation, deepening good-neighbourly relations and ensuring genuine regional ownership as key drivers for advancing towards EU integration;

WE RECOGNISE that the EU enlargement is a strategic choice and a long-term investment in the prosperity, peace, stability and security of the entire Southeast Europe region, and the only feasible path that delivers tangible results for our societies and strengthens our collective capacity to achieve lasting development and prosperity, to foster reconciliation and to build resilience in line with the European Union's merit-based enlargement policy;

At the same time, **WE UNDERLINE** that inclusive regional cooperation, good-neighbourly relations, as well as the rule of law and respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities remain essential prerequisites for accelerating EU integration, as consistently reaffirmed throughout the history of the Process;



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WE STRESS the importance of merit-based gradual integration as an effective and practical instrument for supporting the efforts of the SEECP Participants aspiring to join the EU in implementing and upholding the EU core values, including through the progressive transposition of the EU acquis and convergence with the EU Single Market while at the same time strengthening institutional capacity and administrative preparedness;

WE ACKNOWLEDGE the sustained and strengthened engagement of the European Union in supporting the enlargement process of the SEE region;

WE ENCOURAGE closer alignment with EU policies and priorities, enhanced coordination and dialogue with EU institutions, and strengthened regional ownership of reform processes, supported by regionally coordinated frameworks, to maintain momentum in accession trajectories and reinforce the credibility of the EU perspective for the entire SEE region;

WE UNDERSCORE the importance of continued support of the EU Member States in SEECP to the gradual integration of the SEECP Participants into the EU Single Market, based on the individual progress achieved in implementing the necessary reforms, assuming the EU acquis and narrowing the socio-economic gap between the SEE region and the European Union. **WE RECOGNISE** that such efforts are instrumental for addressing development disparities, strengthening competitiveness, improving infrastructure and achieving connectivity convergence across the continent;

WE RECOGNISE the importance of the Common Regional Market (CRM), and taking into account the essential role of the RCC in guiding, coordinating and supporting its full and timely implementation of all agreements reached by all relevant parties, as further reinforced by the outcomes of the 2025 London Summit of the Berlin Process. **WE REAFFIRM** the CRM Action Plan 2025–2028 as a key mechanism for advancing economic integration across the region;

WE EMPHASISE the shared responsibility to accelerate its implementation, and underscore its pivotal contribution to further integration into the EU Single Market, to sustainable development, enhanced connectivity and lasting stability in our region, while building on the progress achieved under the 2021–2024 Action Plan;

WE FURTHER RECALL that previous SEECP Chairmanships-in-Office have consistently affirmed the EU integration of the region as the only path to long-lasting political, social and economic stability, and welcome the active engagement of the European Union in supporting this regional process — a legacy that the 2025/26 Sofia Chairmanship-in-Office proudly continues and builds upon.

CONNECTIVITY

WE RECALL that since the earliest stages of the SEECP, our region has witnessed accelerated infrastructure development, modernisation of transport, telecommunications and energy



networks, and improved intra-regional infrastructure as essential drivers of trade expansion, economic growth, and mobility and overall regional stability;

WE WELCOME the progress achieved in connectivity across Southeast Europe and **REITERATE** our commitment to continue working for sustainable and resilient infrastructure solutions across the sectors, with particular attention to addressing missing links, modernising networks and improving interoperability, in line with the region’s long-standing efforts to upgrade and modernise critical infrastructure and to promote inter-regional trade, tourism and mobility;

WE HIGHLY APPRECIATE the enhanced EU commitment to regional connectivity, aimed at fully integrating Southeast Europe into Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T), Energy and Digital Networks, thus fostering opportunities for economic growth, prosperity, and stability of the region, while at the same time strengthening the resilience of the EU itself;

WE EMPHASISE that timely implementation of key projects in Southeast Europe such as the new Western Balkans Eastern Mediterranean Corridor, including the Trans European Corridor VIII, as well as the North–South axes namely the Baltic-Black-Aegean Sea and the Adriatic-Ionian corridors; including new railways that strengthen inter-corridor links, enhanced connectivity with major maritime ports and multimodal transport hubs that will significantly boost economic growth, reinforce good-neighbourly relations, and contribute to long term stability and security in the region;

WE UNDERLINE that strengthening regional transport connectivity is pivotal for taking full advantage of the geostrategic location of Southeast Europe in the successful implementation of major intra-regional projects;

WE REAFFIRM our determination to further strengthen our energy connectivity, with a view to diversifying sources and energy supply routes, including through LNG infrastructure, interconnectors and strategic energy corridors, thereby enhancing security of supply and resilience, and increasing regional security by reducing dependencies through diversification;

WE RECOGNISE that enhancing digital connectivity is an essential element of the reforms required for creating a market- and investment-friendly environment in the region and a key driver of sustainable growth and competitiveness;

WE WELCOME the accession of Chisinau to the European Union’s “Roam Like at Home” area on 1st January 2026 and look forward to extending it to the region, allowing citizens to call, message and use mobile data anywhere in the EU and the region at no extra cost.

SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH

WE RECOGNISE the importance of improving conditions for sustainable economic growth based on the principles of circular economy, the development of a well-functioning transport system and a modern, secure and diversified energy network, including through joint energy



projects, increased energy efficiency, and the expansion of renewable and low-carbon energy sources;

WE RECALL that since 1996 the SEECP has consistently highlighted the potential of multilateral economic cooperation as a foundation for lasting stability in the region;

WE FURTHER RECALL that previous SEECP Chairmanships-in-Office, including Sofia, have underscored the need to strengthen regional economic cooperation, improve customs cooperation, promote interregional trade and create a climate conducive to attracting investments - efforts that have contributed to building a favourable environment for economic growth throughout Southeast Europe;

WE PROMOTE innovation and digital solutions, alongside support for initiatives aimed at developing green, energy-efficient and environmentally friendly industries, in line with the Sofia Declaration on Green Agenda for the Western Balkans (GAWB), regional commitments, climate objectives and the shared goal of sustainable economic development, while building on the long-standing regional commitment to economic interconnectivity and the creation of a favourable investment climate;

WE STRESS that the environmental challenges posed by climate change and environmental degradation are among the key issues for Southeast Europe, and **EMPHASISE** the importance of comprehensive and coordinated climate action on mitigation, adaptation and resilience, transitioning to renewable energy sources, promoting circular economy and recycling, and preserving biodiversity, natural resources, in particular water as essential components of sustainable development;

WE RECOGNISE that sustainable economic growth is closely linked to regional stability, security and the prevention of conflict - principles reaffirmed during the 2007/08 Sofia Chairmanship-in-Office - and that economic development, connectivity, and environmental sustainability are indispensable for building a common and prosperous future for the region;

WE UNDERLINE that the SEECP will continue to support policies and initiatives that enhance competitiveness, foster innovation, strengthen regional value chains, and promote sustainable investment, thereby contributing to long-term prosperity and resilience across the region;

WE ENDORSE the SEE 2030 Strategy Mid-term Update, which focuses on resilience, inclusive growth, and regional cooperation, as a response to the challenges facing the region.

COMPETITIVENESS AND HUMAN CAPITAL

WE RECOGNISE human capital as a cornerstone of sustainable development, innovation and competitiveness across Southeast Europe, and **UNDERLINE** the shared responsibility of all SEECP Participants to invest consistently in people, skills, education and knowledge as the foundation of long-term regional progress, while **RECALLING** that since its inception the



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SEECP has encouraged the introduction of EU norms and standards in production, investment, technology transfer, financing and trade as essential steps towards integrating regional economies into the wider EU economy;

WE RECALL the sharpened focus of the SEE2030 Strategy on deepening regional collaboration to further strengthen human capital development as both the foundation and a key driver of sustainable and inclusive growth across Southeast Europe;

WE EMPHASISE the importance of training, capacity building and knowledge transfer in order to attract, develop and retain talents throughout the region, while **PROMOTING** youth cooperation, mobility and people-to-people contacts - including circular mobility - as vital instruments for inclusive growth, social cohesion and the deepening of regional ties, building on long-standing commitments to expand participation in European Union's programmes, increase scholarship opportunities and strengthen inter-regional cooperation;

WE SUPPORT cooperation between universities, research institutions, academia and the business sector, including through investment in research infrastructure, innovation ecosystems and technology transfer;

WE STRESS that enhanced competitiveness and human capital development must be pursued in the broader context of digital transformation and innovation, through the promotion of research, digitalization, emerging technologies and knowledge-based economies, as well as through regional labour-market integration and skills recognition;

WE HIGHLIGHT the importance of a business-enabling environment and strengthened competitiveness under regional cooperation frameworks, including the Western Balkans Common Regional Market Action Plan, to create a competitive economic landscape aligned with the EU standards, with a focus on sustainable development, digital and consumer finance, sustainable investments and the greening of industries;

WE NOTE the implementation of Single Market-oriented initiatives, the extension of Green Lanes and other trade-facilitating measures, as well as investments in the modernisation and harmonisation of boundary-crossing infrastructure, which will contribute to more efficient regional and European supply chains;

WE ACKNOWLEDGE the successful accession of several SEECP Participants to the Single Euro Payments Area (SEPA), with others progressing towards membership, thereby significantly reducing the cost of bank transactions and facilitating economic exchanges across the region;

WE FURTHER RECALL the commitment of previous SEECP Chairmanships-in-Office to strengthening accountability, transparency, and competency at all levels of governance, and to combating all forms of organised crime and corruption, recognizing that strong institutions and the rule of law are indispensable for a competitive economy, a skilled workforce, and a prosperous, resilient Southeast Europe.



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STRENGTHENING RESILIENCE AND COUNTERING HYBRID THREATS

WE RECOGNISE the evolving global and regional security environment, as well as the growing complexity of security challenges affecting Southeast Europe, and **RECALL** that since 1996 the SEECP has stressed the need for closer cooperation in the fields of justice, fight against organised crime, illicit drug and arms trafficking, and the prevention and suppression of terrorism as essential elements of regional stability;

WE EMPHASISE the importance of strengthening resilience and enhancing security cooperation among SEECP Participants, including through closer coordination, information exchange, joint capacity-building and reinforced societal and institutional resilience, building on long-standing commitments to strengthen cooperation and undertake joint action against irregular migration;

WE RECOGNISE that Southeast Europe remains exposed to natural hazards and **UNDERLINE** the importance of further strengthening regional resilience as a basis for sustainable development, while noting the RCC's coordinating role in addressing post-disaster risk factors, including through disaster financial risk sharing, within the framework of the SEE2030 Strategy;

WE PROMOTE enhanced regional capacities to counter hybrid and cyber threats, including foreign information manipulation and interference, disinformation campaigns and other emerging risks, through alignment with EU regulations and policies and reinforced regional cooperation, with a view to strengthening public resilience, protecting democratic institutions and reinforcing trust throughout the region;

WE ACKNOWLEDGE the need to foster a whole-of-society approach, engaging civil society, media professionals, academia, youth to counter disinformation, strengthen media freedom and digital literacy, safeguard the information space, and reinforce the credibility and effectiveness of communication on the enlargement process as a strategic investment in peace, security, and prosperity;

WE WELCOME SEECP Participants' contributions to the European Union's Common Security and Defence Policy civilian missions and military operations and **ACKNOWLEDGE** the EU's further efforts to strengthen cooperation in building resilience, including through the European Democracy Shield and the Western Balkans Cyber Capacity Centre;

WE EMPHASISE the increasing significance of cooperation with the European Union on security matters, including through regular dialogue, and recognise the importance of harmonizing respective positions and aligning policies on matters falling under the EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP);

WE ACKNOWLEDGE that the evolving role of NATO in Southeast Europe testifies to its increasing relevance for maintaining security and peace in our region, which is of strategic



importance for the Alliance, especially in the current geopolitical context and **RECOGNISE** the continued support for the Euro-Atlantic aspirations in the region;

WE NOTE the first Security and Defence Partnerships in the Western Balkans and Chisinau the launching of Security and Defence Dialogues, and **REMAIN COMMITTED** to ongoing support under the European Peace Facility, recognising that strengthened cooperation in security and defence is indispensable for building a resilient, stable and secure Southeast Europe.

THE ROLE OF RCC

Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the SEECP platform, we **RECOGNISE** the important achievements in promoting stability, security, and prosperity in the region and the role of the Regional Cooperation Council in this regard;

WE WELCOME the efforts invested in exploring the most appropriate modalities for strengthening the role of the RCC on the basis of effective synergy between the SEECP and the RCC;

As the political umbrella of the RCC, we the SEECP Participants furthermore **RECOGNISE** the added value of the RCC as the hub of regional cooperation and its capacity to streamline regional initiatives. Where appropriate, such streamlining should be utilised to ensure efficiency and avoid duplication or overlapping of efforts;

WE ENCOURAGE the upcoming Bucharest Chairmanship-in-Office to continue enhancing SEECP-RCC synergy, including by facilitating the RCC's work, with a view to better serving the SEECP framework and the EU aspirations of SEECP Participants in the year ahead.

PARLIAMENTARY DIMENSION

WE REAFFIRM the importance of a strong and active parliamentary dimension as an integral part of the SEECP architecture;

WE NOTE that the SEE 2030 Strategy acknowledges the Parliamentary Assembly as a key platform for dialogue and exchange among regional parliamentary institutions, contributing to mutual understanding, democratic consolidation, and further alignment with the EU legislative standards and practices;

WE COMMEND the activities of the SEECP Parliamentary Assembly and **RECOGNISE** that close cooperation between the SEECP and its Parliamentary Assembly contributes to the regional dialog and strengthens parliamentary democracy across the region.



SOFIA SEECP CHAIRMANSHIP-IN-OFFICE

WE EXPRESS OUR HIGHEST APPRECIATION for the effectiveness and dynamism of the Sofia Chairmanship-in-Office 2025–2026, conducted under the motto “Compass towards stability, security and sustainability”;

During its term-in-office Sofia hosted a number of events and activities aimed at strengthening regional ownership, inclusiveness, and good-neighbourly relations, in line with its four key priority areas. A complete calendar of events is attached as **Annex II** to this Declaration;

The activities organised during the Sofia Chairmanship-in-Office contributed significantly to advancing regional cooperation and reaffirming the continued relevance of the SEECP for regional cooperation and integration;

WE RECALL once again that the 30th Anniversary of the SEECP, which coincides with the Sofia Chairmanship-in-Office, is an important moment for our collective reflection on the progress achieved thus far and **AFFIRM** that it likewise offers an opportunity to renew our shared commitments to charting a forward-looking vision for advancing stability, security and sustainable prosperity in our region.

FUTURE CHAIRMANSHIP-IN-OFFICE

WE WELCOME the upcoming Bucharest SEECP Chairmanship-in-Office and express our full support in implementing Bucharest’s priorities and calendar of events for the period 2026–2027;

WE STRESS the fact that the Chairmanship-in-Office has to be exercised in accordance with current SEECP practices and in a neutral manner regarding documents, procedures, premises, and symbols.

ANNEX I

Key Political Documents, Declarations and Milestones of the

South-East European Cooperation Process (1996–2025)

ACKNOWLEDGING that, over the past 30 years, the SEECP has evolved into a credible and sustainable framework for dialogue, cooperation and integration within our region.

WE RECOGNIZE the valuable contribution of each Participant to the development of the South-East European Cooperation Process, and **REITERATE** the significance of the documents adopted and the events held during the past 30 years, including:

- **Declaration on Good-Neighbourly Relations, Stability, Security and Cooperation**, signed by eight Participants, Sofia, July 1996 – marking the beginning of the SEECP.
- **Thessaloniki Declaration on Good-Neighbourly Relations, Stability, Security and Cooperation in the Balkans**, adopted by the SEECP Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Thessaloniki, June 1997.
- **Joint Declaration of the Heads of State and Government of the SEECP Participants**, Crete, 4 November 1997.
- **Istanbul Declaration on Good-Neighbourly Relations, Stability, Security and Cooperation in South-East Europe**, adopted at the Meeting of SEECP Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Istanbul, June 1998.
- **Charter on Good-Neighbourly Relations, Stability, Security and Cooperation in South-East Europe**, adopted at the Meeting of the Heads of State and Government, Bucharest, February 2000.
- **Joint Statement of the SEECP Ministers of Foreign Affairs**, confirming the European and Euro-Atlantic integration of the region, Ohrid, July 2000.
- **Action Plan for Regional Economic Cooperation**, adopted at the Fourth Meeting of the Heads of State and Government, Skopje, February 2001.
- **Declaration of the Heads of State and Government**, reaffirming the strategic orientation of the SEE region towards European integration, Tirana, March 2002.
- **Declaration of the Eighth Meeting of the SEECP Ministers of Foreign Affairs**, stating for the first time that the immediate goal of the Western Balkans is full EU membership, Sarajevo, April 2004.
- **Statement of Sofia** at the Meeting of the Ministers of Defence regarding a wider regional approach to defence and security, Bucharest, March 2005.
- **Bucharest Declaration** of the Eighth Meeting of the Heads of State and Government, including a text of solidarity with the Bulgarian nurses sentenced in Libya, Bucharest, May 2005.
- **Declaration of the SEECP Ministers of Foreign Affairs**, focused on strengthening political dialogue, regional infrastructure and energy cooperation, and supporting the Thessaloniki Agenda for the Western Balkans, Athens, January 2006.



- **“Together in Europe” Declaration** of the Ninth Meeting of the Heads of State and Government, supporting the creation of a free trade zone in South-East Europe within CEFTA, Thessaloniki, May 2006.
- **Final Declaration of the Sixth Conference of SEECP Speakers of Parliaments**, introducing the Troika format and approving Bulgaria as host of the Regional Focal Point for Parliamentary Cooperation, Zagreb, April 2007.
- **Final Declaration “Europe’s New South-East”** of the Tenth Meeting of the Heads of State and Government, emphasizing infrastructure development as a key factor for prosperity, Zagreb, May 2007.
- **Memorandum of Understanding on Interparliamentary Cooperation in South-East Europe**, Sofia, April 2008.
- **First Meeting of the Regional Cooperation Council**, institutionalizing the RCC as the operational arm of the SEECP, Sofia, July 2008.
- **Declaration of the Eleventh Meeting of the Heads of State and Government**, reaffirming the role of regional cooperation in European and Euro-Atlantic integration, Pomorie, May 2008.
- **Chisinau Declaration** of the Twelfth Meeting of the Heads of State and Government, welcoming the establishment of the RCC and declaring unconditional support for its work, Chisinau, June 2009.
- **Declaration of the Thirteenth Meeting of the Heads of State and Government**, confirming the principles of “regional ownership and leadership” and “all-inclusiveness”, and reaffirming the European and Euro-Atlantic prospects of the region, Istanbul, June 2010.
- **Declaration of the 8th Conference of SEECP Speakers of Parliaments**, expressing the intention to establish the SEECP Parliamentary Assembly (SEECP PA), Antalya, June 2010.
- **Common Declaration of the SEECP Ministers of Justice and Home Affairs**, establishing the first Regional Strategic Document on Justice and Home Affairs (2011–2013), Budva, March 2011.
- **Budva Declaration** of the Fourteenth Meeting of the Heads of State and Government, confirming priorities for further cooperation, Budva, June 2011.
- **Declaration of the SEECP Ministers of Foreign Affairs**, confirming the role of the political process as a unique forum for regional cooperation and of the RCC as its link with regional initiatives and organizations, Ohrid, May 2013.
- **Declaration on the Inauguration of the SEECP Parliamentary Assembly**, Bucharest, May 2014.
- **SEECP Bucharest Summit Declaration**, Bucharest, June 2014.
- **SEECP Joint Statement on Terrorism**, adopted by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Tirana, February 2015.
- **Consolidated Conclusions of the Ad-hoc Working Group**, adopted by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Tirana, May 2015.
- **SEECP Tirana Summit Declaration**, confirming the European and Euro-Atlantic perspective of the region, Tirana, May 2015.
- **SEECP Joint Statement on Migration Challenges**, Sofia, February 2016.
- **SEECP Sofia Summit Declaration**, Reaffirming commitment to regional cooperation, connectivity, security and the European perspective of SEE, Sofia, June 2016.



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- **SEECP Dubrovnik Summit Declaration – “Connection, Communication, Cooperation”**, emphasizing enhanced regional links, people-to-people contacts and sustainable development, Dubrovnik, June 2017.
- **SEECP Brdo Summit Declaration**, focusing on youth, innovation, economic growth and future-oriented development within the European framework – SEE4FUTURE, Brdo, April 2018.
- **SEECP Sarajevo-Jahorina Summit Declaration – “Better Connectivity for Better Life”**, underscoring infrastructure development, digital connectivity and regional cohesion, July 2019.
- **SEECP Antalya Summit Declaration – “Neighbours SEE Together”**, reaffirming solidarity, good-neighbourly relations and joint responses to regional and global challenges, Antalya, 2021.
- **SEECP Thessaloniki Summit Declaration – “Strengthening SEE Synergies”**, highlighting enhanced synergies in political dialogue, economic cooperation and European integration, Thessaloniki, June 2022.
- **SEECP Podgorica Summit Declaration – “A SEE of Culture of Cooperation”**, promoting trust, inclusiveness and long-term regional cooperation, Podgorica, June 2023.
- **SEECP Skopje Summit Declaration – “Bridging Divides, Building Trust”**, reaffirming dialogue, reconciliation and unity as cornerstones of regional stability and European integration, Skopje, June 2024.

ANNEX II

Activities and Events Organized by the Sofia SEECP Chairmanship-in-Office

2025-2026

The Sofia Chairmanship-in-Office (C-i-O) of the South-East European Cooperation Process (SEECP) for the period 2025–2026 implemented an extensive programme of political, sectoral, cultural and academic events aimed at strengthening regional cooperation, enhancing connectivity, supporting European integration, and promoting the principles of regional ownership and all-inclusiveness.

The following activities and events were organized under the auspices of Sofia Chairmanship-in-Office:

2025

1. **First Meeting of Political Directors of SEECP**, Sofia, 17 July 2025
2. **High-level Conference on “EU Enlargement: Reliable and Comparable Statistics as a Precondition for a Successful Accession Process”**, Burgas, 11–12 September 2025
3. **Visit of the RCC Secretary General**, Sofia, 15 September 2025
4. **Informal Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs**, in cooperation with RCC, New York, 24 September 2025
5. **15th Meeting of the Heads of National Security Authorities (SEENSA)**, in cooperation with RCC, Varna, 6–9 October 2025
6. **Conference of Ministers of Transport of SEECP Participants on “Developing Transport Connectivity in the SEECP Region”**, Sofia, 15–16 October 2025
7. **Meetings of the SEECP Troika, RCC and the EU; RCC Board Meeting**, Sarajevo, 6 November 2025
8. **Second Meeting of Political Directors of SEECP**, Sofia, 27 November 2025
9. **19th Coordination Meeting of Regional Organizations**, Sarajevo, 4 December 2025
10. **Exhibition of collaborative artistic projects from the SEE region**, Sofia, November 2025 – January 2026

2026

11. **Meetings of the SEECP Troika, RCC and the EU; RCC Board Meeting**, Sarajevo, 12 March 2026
12. **Winter School of Diplomacy**, co-organized with RCC, Sandanski, Bulgaria, 23-27 March 2026
13. **Third Meeting of Political Directors of SEECP**, Sofia, 8 April 2026
14. **SEECP Parliamentary Assembly Standing Committee; SEECP PA Energy and Economy Committees meetings**, Sofia, 14-16 April 2026



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15. **Seventh Meeting of the Monitoring Committee of SEE 2030 Strategy, organized by RCC in cooperation with the Sofia C-i-O, Sofia, 5 May 2026**
16. **Fourth Meeting of Political Directors of SEECP, Pravets, 11-12 May 2026**
17. **Meeting of the SEECP Troika, RCC and the EU; RCC Board Meeting, Sarajevo, 14 May 2026**
18. **High-level SEECP Ministerial Conference on Climate and Environmental Maritime Security, Sofia, 4 June 2026**
19. **Annual Meeting of the RCC Board, Sofia, 9 June 2026**
20. **Fifth Meeting of Political Directors of SEECP, Sofia, 9 June 2026**
21. **Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of SEECP, Sofia, 10 June 2026**
22. **Summit of SEECP Heads of State and Government, Sofia, 10 June 2026**