

Mr. Antonio Costa
President of the European Council

Dear Mr. President,

The upcoming Three Seas Initiative Summit that is celebrating the tenth anniversary of the Initiative and is being held at the end of April in Warsaw marks an important moment not only for the countries of the region but also for the entire European Union. The Three Seas Initiative, bringing together thirteen EU Member States from the Baltic, Adriatic and Black Seas, is not only a testament to regional solidarity but also a strong pillar of European unity, resilience, and future.

As President of the European Council, you both lead the body of heads of state and government of the Union and guide the work of an institution whose decisions are of fundamental importance to the strategic direction of the European project. Today, the Three Seas countries, which represent nearly half of the EU Member States that are attempting to level up with Western EU Member States, fear the emergence of a two-speed Europe - one that would lead to lasting inequalities and the erosion of cohesion within our common European endeavour.

In light of this, as a group of Members of the European Parliament representing Central European countries, we call for the recognition of the special importance of the Three Seas region in shaping the future of the European Union – by directing dedicated cohesion policy resources to this area. We urge the establishment of a special fund within the EU cohesion policy framework to support strategic, transnational projects carried out under the Three Seas Initiative.

Although our countries have made tremendous progress over the past decades, we still face infrastructure, energy, and digital inequalities that prevent the region from fully realizing its potential – both for the benefit of its citizens and for the strength of the Union as a whole. Especially today, in the context of growing geopolitical threats, particularly those stemming from Russia's neo-imperial ambitions, the need for investment in the resilience and integration of this region is more pressing than ever.

Cohesion funds must therefore focus, in particular, on the Three Seas countries as a key area in the architecture of the EU's security, development, and unity. Investment in transport, energy, and digital infrastructure, as well as in regional security capabilities, is no longer merely about catching up. It has become a strategic imperative for the whole of Europe.

A strong, integrated, and well-connected Three Seas region is not only a benefit to its inhabitants – it is the foundation of a strong, competitive, and united European Union. We trust that the European Council under your leadership will support this vision and give it a concrete institutional and financial dimension.

Yours sincerely,

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