

Joint Declaration of the 10th Summit of the Three Seas Initiative

Warsaw, 29 April 2025

We, the Presidents, and high-level representatives of 13 European Union Member States – the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Bulgaria, the Republic of Croatia, the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Hellenic Republic, Hungary, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, the Republic of Slovenia – the participating states of the Three Seas Initiative (3SI), having met in Warsaw on 29 April 2025, on the occasion of the 10th 3SI Summit and 7th Business Forum,

praising the decade of efforts of the 3SI stakeholders aimed at building up this geo-economic platform fostering a trusted ecosystem of friendly collaboration;

appreciating the achievements of the previous 3SI summits in Dubrovnik (2016), Warsaw (2017), Bucharest (2018, 2023), Ljubljana (2019), Tallinn (2020), Sofia (2021), Riga (2022), and Vilnius (2024);

expressing our strong confidence that the fundamental strategic pillars and objectives of the 3SI have proven their value, and were thoughtfully designed, as demonstrated by the tangible progress and increasing regional resilience achieved since its inception, particularly in building critical North-South infrastructure interconnections, strengthening the cohesion of the European Union and enriching the transatlantic ties;

believing firmly that the lessons learned will help the 3SI to fulfil its role in the best possible way, adding substantially to the region's economic resilience and business attractiveness;

putting the EU integration at the centre of all 3SI undertakings;

setting the 3SI in the context of amplified global policy uncertainty and adverse policy shifts in our direct neighbourhood, as well as globally;

reaffirming the 3SI's ultimate paradigm that the format is politically inspired but business driven and it is the business cooperation that is the core of its framework;

recognizing the importance of transatlantic relations as one of 3SI's pillars and the format's openness to partnerships with all like-minded stakeholders;

supporting bottom-up initiatives adding value to the 3SI;

welcoming the interest from external third parties the 3SI has enjoyed in recent years;

welcoming all participants of the 7th 3SI Business Forum,

DECLARE THE FOLLOWING¹:

01.

We welcome our strategic partners – the European Commission, the Federal Republic of Germany, Japan and the United States of America, as well as our associated participating states – the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine.

02.

We welcome the Kingdom of Spain and the Republic of Türkiye as new strategic partners of the 3SI.

03.

We welcome the Republic of Albania and Montenegro as new associated participating states of the 3SI.

04.

While expressing our strongest support for their people's sovereign decision to join the European Union, we remain committed to a generally merit-based and result-oriented EU accession process that is equally and objectively applied to all candidate states. We also welcome the positive role of the 3SI cooperation for the European integration of our associated participating states.

05.

In view of its repercussions for European and global security, we strongly condemn the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine, as well as any support to it by third countries.

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We reaffirm our unwavering support for Ukraine, its sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders. We also underscore the supporting role the 3SI may have in the reconstruction process of Ukraine.

07.

We remain ready to step up pressure on Russia in order to weaken its ability to continue waging its war of aggression.

08.

While believing that Ukraine's membership in the EU is among the most valuable security guarantees the EU can provide, we call for accelerating the accession process with Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova by opening all the negotiating clusters as soon as possible and by allocating necessary instruments and financial resources to ensure their prompt closing. At the same time we call for an acceleration of the merit-based EU enlargement process with the Western Balkans as the EU enlargement process has transformative power and is essential to ensure the resilience of the candidate countries, also by bringing convergence, connectivity, and tangible benefits to their citizens.

09.

We express our support to just, lasting and comprehensive peace based on the principles of the UN Charter and in compliance with international law, including UNCLOS and through appropriate measures agreed upon by the international community. We remain convinced that those who ordered or committed war crimes in Ukraine, must be held accountable.

10.

We underline the 3SI's constructive role in providing economic security and competitiveness to the region and the whole European Union. In this context, we take note of the 3SI contribution to projecting resilient supply chains through near- and friendshoring, supporting military mobility as well as to developing the climate-neutral and technologically advanced industry.

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We emphasize the importance of exploring synergies between the 3SI and other global and regional connectivity initiatives, such as Global Gateway, the Trans-Caspian corridor, and the IMEC (India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor).

12.

We praise the growing role of the 3SI Business Forum, which has become a useful platform bringing together entrepreneurs, policymakers, representatives of financial institutions and other stakeholders. The forum serves as an excellent tool for fostering collaboration between the public and private sector and promoting investment and innovation across the Three Seas region and beyond.

13.

We welcome substantial developments in implementing Three Seas Priority Projects, especially:

- BRUA
- LNG terminal on the island of Krk
- Rail Baltica
- Rail2Sea
- The Baltic States' electricity synchronization with the Continental European Networks (completed)
- Via Baltica
- Via Carpatia

14.

We praise the implementation of infrastructure projects, including in the energy sector, which make our region even more resilient, more interconnected and more secure, add to climate neutrality and contribute to our economies' competitiveness and cohesion.

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Recognizing the strategic challenges and risks in our region, we support further efforts to enhance transport infrastructure that serves civilian aims and contributes to enhancing strategic military mobility in our region.

16.

While witnessing a serious deterioration of critical linear infrastructure security, especially in the Baltic and Black Seas, we highlight the urgency of working out measures to counteract malevolent actions. We encourage continued dialogue among 3SI countries to explore potential approaches that address the region's security challenges.

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We remain committed to inspire further development of projects strengthening connectivity in the Three Seas region. In this context we underline the importance for the 3SI to unlock its potential in developing artificial intelligence, semiconductor technology and digital infrastructure, as part of unified European and transatlantic efforts.

18.

While acknowledging the first Three Seas Initiative Investment Fund, we look forward to tangible outcomes of the task force for establishing the successor fund.

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We take note of the first four investors (Poland, Czechia, Hungary and Croatia) in the EIF-led and co-funded Three Seas Innovation Fund, whose aim is to provide financing for growth companies based in the Three Seas region. With this new financial instrument, we look forward to strengthening the investment potential of the 3SI.

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We take note of the Projects Progress Report 2025, highlighting connectivity priorities of the 3SI countries in the three key areas of transport, energy and digital, as well as the advancement of priority projects, reaching a total of 140 in 2025

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We welcome the commitment of the Republic of Croatia to host the Summit and Business Forum in 2026.

¹ Hungary disassociates itself from paragraphs 4-9 of the Joint Declaration. The Hungarian national position with regards to issues contained in the aforementioned paragraphs was communicated in a separate statement annexed to the Joint Declaration.