



Three Seas
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RECOMMENDATIONS

On 20-21 June 2022, the 2nd Parliamentary Forum of the Three Seas Initiative was held in Riga, with the participation of parliamentarians from Three Seas Initiative member states and partner nations.

Parliamentary diplomacy and cooperation significantly impact and provide political support for cooperation between governments, businesses, and non-governmental organisations in strengthening regional ties, fostering public debate and shaping new communication channels. Appreciating the role of the Forum, participants see it as an essential element of the Three Seas Initiative: a networking platform and an opportunity to make personal contacts to strengthen and promote the idea of the Three Seas Initiative.

The agenda of the Riga Forum consisted of three blocks: Geopolitical Security and Benefits, Economic Aspects of Cooperation, and Digital Transformation Opportunities. Participants of the Parliamentary Forum encourage the heads of state of the Three Seas Initiative countries to consider several recommendations from the productive discussions in their future work.

Participants of the Forum welcome the decisions taken at the Riga Summit of the Three Seas Initiative. The shared vision of the region's development is essential to geopolitical security.

Legislatures have a crucial role in the swifter implementation of the Three Seas Initiative projects and the decisions taken at the Summit. Legislators have many significant tools at their disposal: communicating with the public about the role of the Three Seas Initiative, working with national businesses on the opportunities offered by the Three Seas Initiative, and setting up Three Seas Initiative groups in national parliaments.

The Parliamentary Forum has the potential to become an integral part of the Three Seas Initiative. The Forum is a platform for legislator debate, and it has the potential to raise awareness and promote the Three Seas Initiative in the member states – with our populations, primarily – and beyond. We seek to attract like-minded countries that share our values and are interested in being at the core of global development.

We profoundly value and appreciate the interest and involvement of countries like the United States of America, Germany, Japan, and the United Kingdom. Their contributions bring us closer to our goals, function as credibility builders and drivers for investment, and add undeniable geopolitical gravity to the Three Seas Initiative.

The Three Seas Initiative's geopolitical role in the region's development and security is crucial. Closer involvement of the Eastern Partnership countries, particularly Moldova,

Georgia, and Ukraine, is critical in reaching this goal. Moreover, The Three Seas Initiative can be a platform for Ukraine's reconstruction.

One of the first and relatively simple steps to involve Ukraine, Moldova, and Georgia would be to include the three countries in the single EU system for telephone communication and data roaming.

We believe that all member states and The Three Seas Initiative should strive to intensify cultural, educational and social exchange amongst The Three Seas Initiative nations to build a shared understanding and trust and establish closer and deeper sociocultural bonds. Mutual interest and involvement in international projects in all areas can be an excellent pathway toward building trust and solidarity across geographical spaces.

As representatives of national legislatures, the Forum participants see a responsibility to work more diligently at the national level on:

- Attracting investment in the economic sectors linked to the Three Seas Initiative – infrastructure development, energy independence, and digitalisation and technology integration;
- Boosting cooperation with and between academic institutions, developing unified education standards, mutually recognising diplomas, and establishing exchange programmes;
- Adapting and harmonising relevant frameworks and laws that promote cross-border digital cooperation and integrity.

The Three Seas Initiative has the potential to be a new and innovative format for cooperation that promotes democracy and drives technological development in Europe.