



SEECP ALBANIAN CHAIRMANSHIP
REGIONAL OWNERSHIP IN ACTION

CONSOLIDATED CONCLUSIONS on the SEECP Ad-Hoc Working Group

- Considering that all necessary efforts should be done for the SEECP to continue to be a successful regional initiative;
- Underlining that discussions to turn our Process into a more effective mechanism of regional cooperation are clear expressions of our ownership and responsibility;
- Taking into account the Ohrid Agreement on the establishment of the “SEECP Ad-hoc Working Group”, designed to come with concrete proposals on the best modalities to make the cooperation within SEECP more effective and result – oriented;
- Taking into account the Bucharest decision regarding the Ad-hoc Working Group composition, the topics for debate, the conclusion of the WG Activities, the duration of its mandate, the work methodology and the follow-up;
- Taking into consideration the views of all SEECP participants included in the Synoptic Table, prepared in order to facilitate the discussions, as well as the contributions of the RCC Secretariat;
- Following the conclusions of three meetings of the Working Group, on April 2014, November 2014 and May 2015;

The SEECP Ad-hoc Working Group has reached the following conclusions:

- a) – *On strengthening public awareness on the SEECP work and for increasing its profile;*
 - 1- We have reached the decision to have a Website dedicated to the SEECP, maintained by the RCC Secretariat while the implementation aspects would be finalized by the SEECP Committee of Political Directors.
 - 2- We strive towards increasing the visibility of the SEECP through regular presentations regarding its work and achievements to the EU and international institutions.
 - 3- The RCC Secretariat, through its Liaison Office in Brussels, could provide support in relations with major EU and NATO structures and other relevant stakeholders.

- b) – *On strengthening the synergy between SEECP and RCC and deepening their coordination;*
 - 1- We stress the importance of strengthening the SEECP role to provide political guidance for the RCC work and the need for comprehensive RCC activities that involve all SEECP participants.
 - 2- In order to ensure the complementarity of the priorities between SEECP and the RCC, each consecutive SEECP C-i-O might take into consideration in its priorities the main objectives of the RCC Strategy and Work Program.

- 3- The RCC Secretariat and the SEEC C-i-O should liaise regularly in order to better coordinate joint activities.
- 4- Before every RCC Board meetings, a short briefing of SEEC C-i-O representatives at the RCC Board, chaired by the SEEC C-i-O, might take place.

c) - Ensuring the complementarity of the priorities. Better coordination at the SEEC Troika format;

- 1- We stress the importance for more substance at the meetings of SEEC Troika for continuing and ensuring the complementarity of priorities and activities of our work.
- 2- The Troika meetings with the participation of RCC, at the margins of the meetings of SEEC Committee of Political Directors and regular e-mail working communication should be a priority for every SEEC C-i-O.

d) - Consolidating the sectorial relevance of the SEEC;

- 1- Cooperation in the areas of key interest should be advanced and streamlined in coordination with relevant stakeholders, including the business, academic communities and civil society. A better utilization of the existing working networks could serve to that end.
- 2- We underline the importance of a Civil Society Platform to be established within SEEC, which would regularly bring together eminent members of the academic world, media and think-tanks. As a valuable asset in terms of policy consultations and public promotion of SEEC, its modalities need to be further defined by the SEEC Committee of Political Directors.

We express our appreciation to the Romanian and Albanian SEEC Chairs in Office for their commitment on facilitating the discussions and for ensuring the constructive participation of all members of this Working Group and we welcome the intentions of the upcoming Bulgarian SEEC Chairmanship-in-Office to follow the above-mentioned Consolidated Conclusions in order to achieve the priorities of the Chairmanship.