

Poland - Sejm

3. Western Balkans / South Eastern Europe

3.1. Together with the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU, COSAC reconfirms its unequivocal support and strengthened engagement for developing a concrete EU perspective with measurable results for the Western Balkan / South Eastern European partners relating to their individual performance and based on shared values and principles, such as democracy, rule of law, good governance, media freedom, respect for human rights, reconciliation and good neighbourly relations, along with the fight against corruption and organised crime.

3.2. COSAC welcomes Joint Declaration on Regional Cooperation and Good Neighbourly Relations, [Joint Declaration on Missing Persons and Joint Declaration on War Crimes](#) signed at the Western Balkans Summit in London on 10 July 2018 in the framework of the Berlin Process and supports the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU in advancing the agenda.

3.4. COSAC calls on the Western Balkan / South Eastern European partners to strengthen their resilience to destabilising foreign interferences and disinformation and to lock in their strategic choices by ~~progressively and~~ fully aligning with the EU Common Foreign and Security Policy.

5.2. COSAC welcomes the project of the Energy Union and all efforts aiming at a more secure and sustainable energy policy. COSAC supports the comprehensive approach putting the European Union at the forefront of the fight against climate change and increasing the production of renewable energy. With a view to COP24 that will be held in Poland from 3 until 14 December 2018, COSAC hopes for the adoption of ambitious and comprehensive implementing rules of the Paris Agreement.

6.5. COSAC considers the Report of the Task Force on Subsidiarity, Proportionality and "Doing Less More Efficiently" and the Communication from the European Commission "The principles of subsidiarity and proportionality: Strengthening their role in the EU's policymaking" a good basis for further discussions. These discussions should cover, inter

Kommentiert [CM1]: There is no need to use both terms, i.e. on one of them we should decide. To appreciate the countries aspiring to the EU, we should use the term South Eastern European partners

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Kommentiert [CM2]:
In the first place, we should consider whether COSAC wants to speak about the Berlin Process, in which only some Member States participate. If so, there were three Declarations signed in London. If the paragraph is to stay and apply to the Berlin Process, we suggest to add two other Declarations

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Kommentiert [CM3]:
100% alignment with CFSP is possible even before joining the EU as shown by the example of Montenegro and Albania. In this paragraph we can be a bit more ambitious

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Kommentiert [AM4]: COP24

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alia, the possible introduction of a twelve week deadline for the submission of reasoned opinions within the framework of the subsidiarity control mechanism as well as the question of providing national Parliaments with the additional opportunity to express their views about proportionality and the legal basis of a proposed legislation in reasoned opinions, taking into account that certain modifications may require Treaty changes. COSAC reiterates that it appreciates the so called "green" and "red card" mechanisms as a possible extension of the political dialogue between the European Commission and the national Parliaments.

Kommentiert [MT5]:

The scope of the EC proposal is limited and does not refer to a number of postulates regarding the strengthening of the role of national parliaments in the EU decision-making process, such as the establishment of a red and green card mechanism. We hoped that the EC would put more emphasis on increasing the influence of national parliaments on the broadly understood EU decision-making process as an element also serving to strengthen the sense of democratic legitimisation of the EU in the societies of the Member States. We count on further discussion and a higher level of ambition in this matter.

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