

Final Declaration of the Participants at the Third Inter-Parliamentary Forum on Energy

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As agreed in the previous forums in Tirana and Podgorica, we, the participants from the South-East European Delegations to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, reaffirm our unwavering commitment to strengthening cooperation and fostering friendly relations among the countries and peoples of our region.

Recognizing the vital role of energy security and sustainability in ensuring regional stability and economic growth, we pledge to make full use of the platform provided by the OSCE PA. This forum serves as a key venue for our delegations to engage in meaningful dialogue, deepen collaboration, and shape a more sustainable and prosperous energy future for South-East Europe.

This initiative aligns with our broader commitment, as outlined in the Bucharest Declaration, which “welcomes the initiative of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly to launch the Inter-Parliamentary Forum of South-East Europe with the aim of enhancing parliamentary and comprehensive co-operation among Western Balkan countries, reaffirming the core principles of co-operation, dialogue, and mutual respect fundamental to the OSCE, and expresses full support for OSCE field operations in South-East Europe.”

We underscore the urgent need for greater regional cooperation in the energy sector to ensure energy security, promote diversification, and accelerate the transition to sustainable energy sources, taking into consideration that certain OSCE participating States are in favor of using nuclear energy. Strengthening energy infrastructure and advancing cross-border energy projects are essential to boosting economic resilience and fostering environmental sustainability across the region.

Regional energy cooperation plays a crucial role in advancing sustainable development by promoting energy efficiency and integrating renewable energy sources. By working together, we can more effectively tackle pressing environmental challenges, particularly those related to climate change and the energy transition.

The parliamentarians of this forum stand united in their commitment to enhancing energy policies, reinforcing regional energy security, and strengthening the economies of South-East Europe—for the benefit of all its citizens.

Agreed by the participating delegations at the Third Inter-Parliamentary Forum on Energy in Kastoria, Greece.