**Declaration of the participants in the third international conference of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union**

“**Lessons Learned:** **Communicating European Integration Process in the Region**”

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We, participants of the third international conference of the Montenegrin Pan–European Union, held in Podgorica, capital of Montenegro, express our will to support the better communication about European integration process between the European Institutions, the Member States and the Candidate and Potential candidate countries from the Southeast Europe in order to support dynamic integration process of Montenegro and all countries of the region to the European Union. We are advocating for the following:

1. **FOR EUROPE THROUGH BETTER COMMUNICATION**

By promoting European values and achieving main goals of our organisations, we are striving to enhance policy debates in the region, to support the fulfilment of the EU criteria in our countries, and to contribute to faster EU integration and to establishing of united, strong and stable Europe. We are convinced that better communication is a strong instrument for enhanced dialogue between the European institutions, the EU Member States and countries of the Southeast Europe. In that sense, the conferences of the Pan-European organisations foster dialogue between all stakeholders, including governments, academic community, CSOs, citizens and media.

1. **FOR A STRONGER ENGAGEMENT OF THE EU IN THE REGION**

We recognise and very much appreciate the reinforced and significantly strengthened engagement of the European parliament and the European Commission in their most immediate neighbourhood during the past year. They proposed an ambitious Western Balkans strategy in February 2018 and on the Summit of the leaders of the EU and WB6 partners in Sofia on 17 May 2018 – European perspective of the region is confirmed and a number of concrete actions to strengthen cooperation in the areas of connectivity, security, migrations and the rule of law are set out. The priority agenda also supports socio-economic development and put a special focus on youth, promotes a Digital agenda for the region, supports reconciliation and good neighbourly relations. The EU leaders held the first summit with regional counterparts in 15 years and this reinforced engagement ensures more security, stability and prosperity, builds bonds and connects economies and people.

During the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union, as one of one of three priority areas was „Stability in the European neighbourhood – EU perspective of the Western Balkans/South Eastern Europe “. The Romanian Presidency put as one of the main objectives “advancing the enlargement process of the EU in order to ensure more internal and external security” within the priority for Europe as a stronger global actor. Reinforced commitment to enlargement should be continued during 2019 (Finland) and process of constitution of the EU institution after elections. A specifically important messages and actions we expect during the Croatian Presidency in view of future EU- Western Balkans summit in Zagreb in 2020, just 20 years after start of the process of stabilization and association.

1. **FOR EUROPEAN INTEGRATION OF THE SEE COUNTRIES, WITH SPECIAL FOCUS ON YOUTH**

For us, Pan-Europeans, the integration of the SEE countries into the EU is becoming an important strategic issue and does not allow any delay. It particularly refers to a **support of young peo**ple in the region to help them to recognize and build their future in their own countries, within the European integration of the region. This promotes the socio-economic involvement of our societies and the sustainable development of our economies. Therefore, we strongly support the continuation of the process of enlargement of the EU, with **objective but also stimulating conditionality policy**, which will recognize the efforts of countries on the path to the EU, until all SEE countries fulfil the requirements and become members of the EU. We urge the EU to help these countries, especially Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo and Albania, in fulfilling the EU accession criteria.

1. **FOR MORE STABLE AND INTEGRATED REGION IN THE EU**

We strongly support the statement of the European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker when he emphasised that “there can therefore be not a moment’s respite in the EU efforts to build a more united Europe. Europe can export stability, as we have done with the successive enlargements of our Union. For me, these are and will remain success stories – for we were able to reconcile Europe’s history and geography. But there is more to be done. We must find unity when it comes to the Western Balkans – once and for all. Should we not, our immediate neighbourhood will be shaped by others”. We are advocating also in the same sense a stable, strong and united Europe including the SEE/WB6 countries - once and for all!

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**U sklopu projekta CEPES - Komuniciranje Evrope između panevropskih društava, koji podržava Erasmus + program Evropske unije i sufinansira Ministarstvo javne uprave**

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Mi, učesnici treće međunarodne konferencije Crnogorske panevropske unije, u Podgorici, glavnom gradu Crne Gore, izrazili smo svoju volju da podržimo bolju komunikaciju o procesu evropskih integracija između evropskih institucija, država članica i kandidata i potencijalnih kandidata zemalja Jugoistočne Evrope kako bi podržali dinamiku integracionog procesa Crne Gore i svih zemalja regije prema Evropskoj uniji. Zalažemo se za sljedeće:

1. **ZA EVROPU KROZ BOLJU KOMUNIKACIJU**

Promovisanjem evropskih vrijednosti i postizanjem glavnih ciljeva naših organizacija, nastojimo unaprijediti diskusije o politici u regiji, podržati ispunjavanje kriterija EU u našim zemljama i pridonijeti bržoj integraciji u EU, te stvaranju jedinstvene, snažne i stabilne Evrope. Uvjereni smo da je bolja komunikacija snažan instrument za poboljšanje dijaloga između evropskih institucija, država članica EU i zemalja Jugoistočne Evrope. U tom smislu, konferencije panevropskih organizacija podstiču dijalog između svih učesnika, uključujući vlade, akademsku zajednicu, NVO, građane i medije.

1. **ZA SNAŽNIJE ANGAŽOVANJE U REGIONU**

Polazeći od svog najbližeg susjedstva, na Zapadnom Balkanu, Evropska unija u posljednjih godina značajno je ojačala svoj angažman u regiji. U februaru 2018. predložila je ambicioznu strategiju za Zapadni Balkan, a na samitu u Sofiji, maja 2018. godine, potvrđena je evropska perspektiva regije i predstavljen niz konkretnih akcija za jačanje saradnje na područjima povezanosti, sigurnosti, migracija i vladavine prava kroz Prioritetnu agendu. Podržava se društveno-ekonomski razvoj i posebni naglasak posvećuje mladima, promoviše Digitalna agenda za regiju, podržava pomirenje i jačanje dobrosusjedskih odnosa. Čelnici EU održali su prvi summit s čelnicima zemalja iz regije poslije 15 godina i taj pojačan angažman osigurava veću sigurnost, stabilnost i prosperitet, gradi spone i povezuje ekonomije i ljude.

Austrijsko predsjedavanje takođe je postavilo, kao jedno od tri prioritetna područja "Stabilnost u evropskom susjedstvu - perspektiva EU Zapadnog Balkana / Jugoistočne Evrope". Rumunsko predsjedavanje je, u okviru prioriteta „za Evropu, kao jačeg globalnog igrača“, postavilo da jedan od ciljeva bude unaprjeđenje procesa proširenja, kako bi se osigurala unutrašnja i vanjska sigurnost, kao zajednički cilj. Osnaženu posvećenost proširenju treba nastaviti tokom ove godine, i za vrijeme finskog predsjedavanja i procesa konstituisanja novih EU institucija. Posebno važne poruke i akcije očekujemo tokom hrvatskog predsjedavanja i najavljenog samita EU-Zapadni Balkan u Zagrebu, poslije 20 godina od početka procesa stabilizacije i pridruživanja.

1. **EVROPSKA INTEGRACIJA ZEMALJA JUGOISTOKA EUROPE, SA FOKUSOM NA MLADE**

Za nas, Pan-Evropljane, integracija zemalja Jugoistočne Evrope EU predstavlja važno strateško pitanje koje ne dozvoljava odlaganje. To se posebno odnosi na **podršku mladima** regiona kojima treba pomoći da prepoznaju i grade svoju budućnost u sopstvenim zemljama, u okviru evropske integracije regiona. Time podstičemo socio-ekonomsku inkluziju naših društava i održivi razvoj naših ekonomija. Stoga snažno podstičemo nastavak procesa proširenja EU, **uz objektivnu ali i** **podsticajnu politiku uslovljenosti**, koja će prepoznati napore zemalja na putu ka EU, dok sve zemlje JIE ne ispune zahtjeve i postanu članice Unije. Pozivamo EU da pomogne svim kandidatima i potencijalnim kandidatima u regiji, posebno Bosni i Hercegovini, Kosovu i Albaniji, u ispunjavanju kriterijuma pristupanja EU.

1. **ZA STABILNIJI I INTEGRISANIJI REGION**

Snažno podržavamo izjavu predsjednika Evropske komisije Jean-Claude Juncker-a koji je izjavio da "Ne smijemo ni načas posustati u nastojanju da stvorimo jedinstveniju Evropu. Evropa može izvoziti stabilnost, kao što smo učinili sa uzastopnim proširenjima naše Unije. Za mene, to su, i ostaće, uspješne priče - jer smo evropskom geografskom prostoru i istoriji omogućili pomirenje. Ali ima mnogo toga što je još potrebno učiniti. Moramo biti vjerodostojni u našem stavu prema Zapadnom Balkanu - jednom i zauvijek. Ne učinimo li tako, **drugi će nam odlučivati o najbližem susjedstvu**”. Zalažemo se za snažnu i ujedinjenu Evropu, uključujući zemlje SEE / WB6!