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## Eastern Dimension of Mobility Conference Warsaw, 6-7 July 2011

### CONFERENCE CONCLUSIONS

1. The conference on the "Eastern Dimension of Mobility", which was organised by the Polish Presidency of the EU Council and the European Commission, was held in Warsaw on 6 and 7 July 2011. It was dedicated to the reinforcement of mobility, including the issues related to broader access of participants from six Eastern Partnership countries to EU programmes in the field of education, youth, science, culture and sport.
2. The conference was attended by representatives of institutions of the European Union, high level officials from the EU Member States and the partner countries, representatives of universities, research centres, national agencies of the EU programmes, cultural and educational institutions, sport organisations, non-government organisations as well as youth, students and representatives of foundations, associations and trade unions.
3. Participants of the conference:
  - a) welcomed the adoption of key documents in 2011 by the EU institutions with respect to the European Neighbourhood Policy (conclusions of the Council of 20 June, joint communication of the European Commission and the High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy of 25 May), which support facilitating the partner countries' participation in the EU programmes and agencies;
  - b) underlined with satisfaction that the conference provided a unique opportunity to exchange views on existing mobility tools at both European and national levels as well as measures undertaken to improve mobility, but above of all it was the first such forum to discuss future prospects and possibilities for further development of contacts between people;
  - c) appreciated the current achievements of the Eastern Partnership in the area of Platform 4 "Contacts between people" and existing instruments, projects, and initiatives of the European Union and specific Member States as well as other international organisations, including the Council of Europe;
  - d) called for reinforcing the participation of entities from the partner countries in the programmes of the European Union, including in particular the ones which support mobility, further using of existing EU instruments and opening of successors of current programmes aimed at strengthening people-to-people contacts between the European Union and the partner countries, such as Lifelong Learning, Culture, Europe for Citizens and Media in the New Financial Perspective.



- e) expressed the view that further development of cooperation of the European Union with the partner countries has to be supported by an appropriate form of new generation programmes in the fields of culture, education, youth, science, research and sport as well as adequate funding for their implementation. Simultaneously, European programmes in the new financial perspective 2014-2020 should take into consideration the perspective and needs of the Eastern Partnership countries in these fields;
- f) expressed the belief that the conference constitutes an important element of the preparations to the 2nd Eastern Partnership Summit to be held in Warsaw. Proposals made at the conference with respect to further development of people-to-people contacts between the EU and the partner countries should be taken into account when producing systemic solutions.
4. The conference proved that furthering contacts between people as well as cooperation between institutions and organisations contributes to strengthening civil society in the partner countries, promoting democracy at all levels and encouraging the creation of an open, and creative society that is ready to cooperate. Reinforcement and further expansion of activities in this respect will influence the alignment of standards between the countries. It will facilitate building close relations and understanding between the peoples and will strengthen actions taken with the aim to integrate the partner countries with the European Union. Simultaneously, it will give a new stimulus to regional development and will reduce social and economic differences in the partner countries.
  5. Increasing the number of people-to-people contacts, particularly at the level of civil society, is one of the priorities and directions of rapprochement between the European Union and the Eastern Partnership countries as specified in the Declaration of the Prague Eastern Partnership Summit, which was adopted in May 2009 in order to deepen political affiliation and economic integration of these countries with the European Union and to promote European values, including democracy, rule of law, and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Warsaw, 7 July 2011