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The Backbone of Europe: Connecting Regions. Accelerating Growth. Strengthening Europe.

Three Seas Initiative (3SI) is a dynamic political and economic platform connecting countries between the Baltic, Black, and Adriatic Seas. Entering its second decade, the Initiative has evolved into a backbone of European resilience and one of the continent's fastest-growing economic spaces. At a time of profound global transformation: marked by the rewiring of value chains, shifting trade routes, and a renewed focus on strategic autonomy, the Three Seas region has become indispensable.

By strengthening North-South connectivity and anchoring critical infrastructure, energy security, and digital networks, 3SI is reshaping Central and Eastern Europe while actively reinforcing the competitiveness, security, and cohesion of the European Union as a whole.

Strategic Focus:

1. Transport connectivity
2. Energy security and diversification
3. Digital transformation

Participating EU Member States (13): Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia

Associated Participating States: Albania, Montenegro, Moldova, Ukraine

Strategic Partners: European Commission, Germany, Japan, Spain, Türkiye, United States of America

From Vision to Impact

Croatia, together with Poland, played a pivotal role in establishing the Initiative. The first 3SI Summit was held in Dubrovnik in August 2016, where the Dubrovnik Declaration set out the Initiative's core objectives and guiding principles. Since then, Summits have been held on a rotating basis, with one participating state assuming the Presidency each year.

Croatia assumed the Presidency of the Three Seas Initiative and will conclude its term by hosting the Summit in Dubrovnik on 28-29 April 2026.

Priorities of the Croatian Presidency

1. Build a strong, resilient, and competitive Three Seas region to reinforce the EU.
2. Connect globally by linking 3SI with the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor and the Trans-Caspian International Transport Route (Middle Corridor)
3. Deepen cooperation with strategic partners, particularly with transatlantic allies.
4. Mobilise private capital through diversified financing instruments and attractive investment opportunities.

Three Seas Business Forum

Alongside the Summit, the Business Forum will also take place, ranking among Europe's leading economic platforms.



Three Seas Initiative (3SI) Business Forum: Investment Opportunities Across the Three Seas Region

Three Seas Initiative Business Forum is an integral part of the Three Seas Initiative Summit serving as a high-level platform, connecting **officials, business and industry leaders, investors, financial institutions, policy and opinion makers** from Europe and beyond.

Positioned at the intersection of policy and investment, the Forum supports **strategic dialogue, public-private partnerships, and concrete business opportunities** in sectors critical to the region's and Europe's future development. As the political geography of Europe is moving towards connectivity along the North-South corridors, there is a need for a renewed assessment of business opportunities and infrastructure needs of changing and emerging global value chains.

Program Highlights:

- a) **High-level panel discussions such as:** Geoeconomics of Three Seas Region, The Three seas Initiative and strategic corridors, Financing Strategic Infrastructure, comprehensive Transport, Energy and Digital sessions
- b) **In addition, the program includes:** thematic lunch and dinner conversations, ministerial meetings, side events, extensive B2B and B2G meetings.

The Forum ranks among Europe's leading economic platforms, reinforcing the private sector's role as a key driver connectivity for growth and resilience.

Market reach: approximately 120 million citizens, rising to nearly 160 million including Ukraine and associated states. **3SI represents the fastest-growing region in the EU**, encompassing 13 Member States with a combined GDP of **estimated total for 13 states:**

≈ **\$3.535 (nominal)** in 2025. States of the Three Seas consistently grow double the EU average while the region offers one of Europe's most attractive investment environments, marked by firm anchoring in the EU budget and business ecosystem, strong returns and robust long-term growth prospects.

The region faces substantial infrastructure investment needs - estimated at around €700 billion particularly in transport connectivity, energy systems, digital infrastructure, and resilience enhancing projects. Meeting these needs represents a significant opportunity for both public and private investors.

The 3SI region serves as a central connectivity hub linking Europe with Asia and emerging global trade and investment corridors, strengthening its strategic relevance. By aligning with frameworks such as the India–Middle East–Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) and the Middle Corridor, the Initiative expands Europe's economic outreach towards new.

Why the Three Seas Region: scale and sustained growth, strategic geographic positioning, strong policy backing, high-impact, long-term investment potential



Business Forum – Logistics Information

REGISTRATION

The preregistration period for the business community, indicated by diplomatic missions of 3SI participating states, associate states and strategic partners, as well as all EU Member States and invited guests, will begin on 4th March 2026. While the registration will be open from 11th March 2026.

In order to ensure that businesses recommended by diplomatic missions have secured slots at the Forum, we would be grateful if, in addition to their individual preregistration, you could also provide us with a list of the recommended participants.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Rooms have been prebooked at the event hotel Valamar Lacroma and several other hotels within walking distance of the venue. After registering in the Business Forum application, you will find a link for accommodation.

SHUTTLE SERVICE

Transfers for panelists and speakers will be organized by the host. A shuttle bus service will be available from Dubrovnik Airport to the hotel, and the schedule will be shared later through the application.

Additional practical and logistical information will be available in the application once you have completed your registration.

