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Intellectualization of economy in the CEI region: innovative production, governance and human capital

FINAL DECLARATION

Within the framework of the Presidency of the Republic of Belarus in the CEI in 2017, a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of the CEI PD was held on 30th of May in Minsk. The focus was on the following topic: "Intellectualization of the economy in the CEI region: innovative production, management and human capital".

The meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of the CEI PD was held under the chairmanship of Ms. Irina Starovoitova, Chairperson of the CEI PD and head of the parliamentary delegation of Belarus in the CEI PD.

The event was attended by national parliament delegations of Austria, Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Italy, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Ukraine.

Parliamentary Committee of the CEI PD

noting the achievements of this oldest and largest regional organization;

stressing the important role of the Central European Initiative in strengthening political dialogue and consolidating regional cooperation;

recognizing the major contribution of the Central European Initiative in the process of European integration;

affirming the value of the unique composition of the Central European Initiative as an international forum uniting the member states of the European Union and non-member states;

commending the Republic of Belarus for accepting to take the CEI presidency in 2017 and aware that this will enable the Republic of Belarus to contribute to a stronger role of Baltic and North-Eastern Europe in the life and activities of the CEI;

believing that Baltic and North-East European countries are called to play an ever greater role in the international context and in relations with Asia;

considering that overall stability is key to ensure the success of cooperation and integration policies and programmes and that integration and cooperation in turn foster stability, believes that the territorial integrity of CEI countries is essential and should be considered worthy of the political efforts of the international community as a whole;

attaching great importance to the project-oriented form of interaction, which made the Central European Initiative a successful model of regional cooperation;

recognizing that CEI provides an excellent basis for sharing of experiences and the most successful practices in the field of intellectualization of the economy;

noting that the modern global world is a competitive environment for scientific development, intellects, economic and humanitarian technologies;

confirming that in the knowledge economy the human capital prevails in determining prospects for economic growth;

welcoming the important role of MPs and of the Central European Initiative Parliamentary Dimension in strengthening cooperation within the CEI framework;

stressing the need for increasing the level of education and intellectuality of the individual and society caused by the complication of all aspects of human activity through the use of new fundamental scientific discoveries and technical solutions;

drawing attention that the strategy for economic development should be also focused on the knowledge-based economy, and not only on the economy of natural resources;

encourages to use all the forms of interaction between the member countries of the Central European Initiative for the economic development of the CEI region through innovative production, and better management of the human capital;

supports all the measures to strengthen the intellectualization of the individual and society, which become a vital tool for ensuring the competitiveness in a global open world;

approves the steps aimed at converting knowledge into innovation for their use in the economy;

notes the need to use of artificial intelligence systems for automation of the decision-making process in many areas of the economy;

supports initiatives allowing for a better education of individuals as a mean to ensure competitiveness in a global world;

emphasizes the importance of promoting education and training for innovative development, economic growth and job creation;

encourages alliances for joint development of high technologies;

agrees that the intellectual economy has a positive effect on traditional industries, increasing significantly their productivity;

encourages the promotion of a digital economy as a new paradigm for accelerated economic development, which helps expanding trade, increasing productivity, promoting competition, creating new jobs, and improving the quality of services and public services;

supports the absence of barriers and borders between countries in the framework of the intellectual economy, promoting student mobility among CEI countries;

encourages for the activation of intellectual entrepreneurship, striving for permanent technological leadership, cost-effective innovations that more fully meet the leading economic concepts;

notes the need to develop a system of statistical, public and open data, the formation of large databases, as well as the integration of technology expert systems and databases;

welcomes efforts aimed at increasing the proportion of intellectual activity in the gross national product of a single country and world civilization;

emphasizes the importance of turning intellectual property into the most significant element of economic assets;

supports the need to expand the use of intelligent information technologies, forming a universal technological basis for all activities;

agrees that the effective use of intellectual potential is facilitated by a management tool that connects intelligence and creativity;

emphasizes the importance of increasing investment in human capital through a higher level of education and training;

encourages for the highest level of consolidation of the three dimensions of the Central European Initiative in order to achieve better integration in the region;

points out the importance of good-neighborly relations and regional cooperation especially in the context of creating the conditions necessary for economic growth;

welcomes and encourages cooperation programmes among universities of CEI countries and urges all member states and the Secretary General to actively pursue such policies through programmes and measures;

also believes that cooperation under the paragraph above should be extended to science and technology parks.