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2 **On Eastern Partnership and Sustainable Tourism in the Black Sea Region**  
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4 Nowadays, modern tourism is one of the factors that negatively impacts on the environment.  
5 At the same time, it plays an important role in the processes of socioeconomic development  
6 of particular countries and whole regions. Therefore, the implementation of environmentally  
7 friendly models of tourist activities ranges among the primary objectives of sustainable  
8 development.  
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10 Natural heritage and multiculturalism of the Black Sea region make it attractive for tourists. A  
11 considerable part of states entering into it experience vitally important transformations which  
12 are furthered by their participation in the European Union's Eastern Partnership program,  
13 directed at the adoption of European values and implementation of the respective  
14 experiences.  
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16 European Greens consider that any issues of environmentally friendly, sustainable tourism  
17 must take a rightful place on the agenda of the Eastern Partnership, in coordination with the  
18 Black Sea Economic Cooperation and the Balkan and Black Sea Cooperation, as several  
19 countries bordering the Black Sea were and still are not averse to military interventions in  
20 their neighbouring countries. This approach will facilitate dealing with common problems of  
21 environmental protection and international security, economic and social development of the  
22 region, employment, goods and capital mobility, cultural exchange activation and contribute to  
23 a better understanding, both at the regional and Pan-European level.  
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25 The need for supplementary political efforts within the context of extension of cooperation,  
26 directed at ensuring sustainable development of the region in general and well-balanced  
27 tourism in particular, arose not least because of the growing militarization of the region,  
28 conflicting with all-human values and interests of environmental and economic collaboration.  
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30 We call on the European Commission to regard the Black Sea region as a zone of the utmost  
31 importance for ensuring Pan-European interests, and consider the development of sustainable  
32 tourism as an important tool to achieve the objectives of the Eastern Partnership.  
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34 Special tourism development project should be elaborated in the Eastern Partnership frame  
35 with involvement both EU and non-EU states of the region for their common usefulness.  
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37 We call the European Union to make all the possible diplomatic efforts to avoid further  
38 militarization of the Black Sea region.  
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