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Title: **Greening the Eastern Partnership**

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1 The European integration process is much wider than simply joining up EU
2 structures. First, it is the sharing of European values by those countries in
3 the continent which have yet to become EU members.

4 The EU's Eastern Partnership (EaP) programme, which was launched in 2009, can be
5 seen in the long term as a framework for the accession preparation process for
6 the participating countries.

7 However, in the short term, it must serve as an important political tool to
8 ensure the implementation of high European standards and norms – environmental
9 in particular – despite the reality of participants' chances of being granted EU
10 membership.

11 The European Union should use its tools, including the EaP, to support its core
12 values of human rights, democracy, cooperation and sustainability in
13 participating countries and strengthen all actors, who pursue these values. The
14 current situation in many of the EaP countries underlines such a need for active
15 participation of the EU.

16 Despite many issues in the area of peace, democracy and human rights, the EaP
17 should not forget about its goals in the environmental cooperation. One of the
18 obstacles here is the fact that environment is not stated as being a special
19 area of joint activity of the EU and the participating states.

20 European Greens have welcomed the intention of the President of the European
21 Commission to include the climate and sustainability issues in the EaP activity
22 framework, which is due to be discussed on the EU summit, scheduled for March
23 2021, and demand that environmental protection is mentioned as a special area
24 within the partnership.

25 European Greens also insist on the integration of environmental and climate
26 elements into the existing components of the EaP (economy, energy, transport,
27 etc.).

28 European Greens call on the European Commission to reflect European Green Deal
29 tasks in the renewed EaP cooperation plans.