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In the context of recent geopolitical developments, including Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and the EU enlargement process, the Eastern Partnership (EaP) has been adapted to ensure it remains fit for purpose.

The annual EaP Senior Officials' Meetings (SOM) constitute a key mechanism for maintaining structured political dialogue. The latest SOM of 19 March 2026 confirmed that the EaP remains a relevant and flexible framework for regional cooperation, including in promoting the rule of law and addressing common challenges such as hybrid threats and disinformation. Connectivity, civil society and youth were also underlined as key priorities.

The Commission is taking steps to strengthen the EaP's political dimension through ministerial-level engagement and synergies with broader EU initiatives, such as the Strategic Approach to the Black Sea region and its flagship Connectivity Agenda¹. In this context, the Commission and Member States also continue dialogue with the EaP Civil Society Forum and the EU-Neighbourhood East Parliamentary Assembly².

The Commission will continue its close cooperation with the European Parliament, Member States, and partner countries to ensure that the EaP continues to contribute to stability, prosperity, and democratic resilience in the region.

¹ JOINT COMMUNICATION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL The European Union's strategic approach to the Black Sea region, JOIN/2025/135 final, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52025JC0135&qid=1778665451529>.

² European Parliament resolution of 15 November 2007 on strengthening the European Neighbourhood Policy (2007/2088(INI)), https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-6-2007-0538_EN.html?redirect.