



HELLENIC REPUBLIC
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During its EU Presidency in the first half of 2014, Greece proposes to convene an EU-Western Balkans Summit – a “Thessaloniki II” – aimed at adopting a political declaration that will set a specific, ambitious-but-realistic target date for completion of the accession processes of the Western Balkan countries.

“Thessaloniki II” will set three main goals:

- The creation of “Group 2014”, which will consist of member states that will form “preparation alliances” with candidate countries.
- Development of close cooperation ties among candidates on a regional level through further development of existing cooperation platforms and emphasis on interaction between those platforms.
- Agreement on a specific date for the full accession of the countries of the Western Balkans that are ready to join the EU. This will be the new catalyst for change and progress. It will be the incentive for reforms and the benchmark for assessment of governments in the region. It will be Europe’s vital commitment to Western Balkan membership in the European family.

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