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**EU Integration and the Berlin Process** 

1. Make the Berlin Process predictable: define a longterm agenda, host rotations & priorities; ensure that civil society monitors progress.

2. Use the Berlin Process Summits to promote Qualified Majority Voting in the EU negotiation process.

3. Reintroduce the Rule of Law into the Berlin Process agenda.



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## **Common Regional Market and Mobility**

1. Prioritize regulatory alignment with clear timelines. Initially focus on non-tariff barriers.

2. Provide incentives for the ratification of mobility agreements. They are essential for regional mobility and cohesion.

3. Include CSOs in the decision-

making & implementation processes of the Berlin Process to ensure that initiatives effectively address the needs of citizens.

## **Energy, Climate Change, and Decarbonization**

- 1. Stop investments in fossil fuels and double standards in the WB6.
- 2. Support a bottom-up approach and engage local actors in the energy and just transition.
- 3. Open EU Just Transition Fund for WB6.

4. Create an ETS accession roadmap for the WB6. Enable free allocation of CO2 certificates for the WB6 and grant access to the Modernisation Fund to the WB6.



## **Environmental Protection and Economic Development**

1. Strengthen Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Strategic **Environmental Assessment (SEA).** Actively engage experts and CSOs in the process.

2. Fight corruption related to the environment in the **WB6**.

3. Criticize the absence of the Rule of Law in policy-making in the WB6 regarding the environment policies, including in EU Country Reports.

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## **Dealing with the Past and Reconciliation**

1. Acknowledge dealing with the past and reconciliation as the basic foundation for building a peaceful region.

2. Sincerely commit to and invest political efforts into reconciliation.

3. Establish clear benchmarks & indicators to measure the implementation of commitments to reconciliation.

4. Create a safe atmosphere for regional and national peace initiatives.



## **Gender and Diversity**

1. Use monitoring and financing mechanisms to demand that WB6 governments meaningfully include specific objectives toward gender equality in all policy documents; no mere box-ticking!

2. Reaffirm commitment to gender equality and intersectionality as a cross-cutting priority in all EU support schemes for the WB6. 3. Mainstream gender and diversity across all Berlin
Process formats.
Systematically consult feminist civil society and respond
effectively to gender backlash and anti-rights narratives.



## **Disinformation and Cyber Threats**

1. Align WB legislation with the Digital Services Act

2. Ensure that regulations against disinformation and

3. Urge very large online platforms (VLOPs) and search engines

(DSA) and the EuropeanMedia Freedom Act(EMFA). Develop and adoptcountry-specific roadmaps.

harmful content are not misused to infringe freedom of expression. (VLSEs) to appoint regional legal representatives/contact points and to expand the Code of Practice against Disinformation Commitments (COP) to the Western Balkans.

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