



# Association of Balkan Chambers General Assembly

Bucharest, 29 November 2007



## DECLARATION

### The Association of Balkan Chambers (A B C)

Adopted in Bucharest, 29 November 2007

The Chambers of Commerce and Industry, members of the Association of Balkan Chambers, gathered in Bucharest on 29 November 2007, on the occasion of the General Assembly

**Considering** the strategic objective of ABC – the development of the economic co-operation in the Balkan region, as well as with third parties

**Recognizing** the major achievements of the Association of Balkan Chambers since its founding

**Committing** themselves to reinforcing the role played in their countries, as well as at regional and European level

Decide

- **To further enhance regional co-operation, cross border included**, as a prerequisite of paramount importance for the effective cohesion of the European regions.
- **To adopt a strategy** and create transparent and effective mechanisms and instruments for the absorption of the EU funds, including cross-border financing.
- **To put to better value** the frameworks created by the protocols signed with Eurochambres, BSEC Business Council and the DIHK-ABC Partnership Project.
- **To approve** the results, achieved within the DIHK-ABC Partnership Project and the presented Strategy papers of the three ABC Working Groups on EU Integration, Trade Facilitation and IT.
- **To call upon the ABC Heads of Governments** to recognize and take advantage of the potential of chambers of commerce of their countries as important players to influence decision-makers in their economies on major issues, such as: EU financing, regional development, competitiveness, innovation.

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