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1. The Policy of the Council of Europe towards neighbouring regions aims primarily at extending co-operation beyond the continent and at developing a common legal space based on Council of Europe values and instruments in order to promote stability and democratic security of both Europe and its neighbouring regions. It is based on the 2011 “Istanbul parameters”, according to which co-operation with the countries concerned shall be demand-driven, tailored and flexible, whilst entirely governed by Council of Europe values and standards.
2. The implementation of the Policy of the Council of Europe towards neighbouring regions has no bearing on the position of member States on questions relating to the recognition of sovereignty.

1. Adopted at the 1373rd meeting of the Ministers' Deputies (8 April 2020).

