

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article 180 bis (new)

Suggestion for Part: III

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New article to be added as Section 7 in Chapter V of Title III:

"SECTION 7: Territorial Development

Article III-180bis

1. The Union shall contribute to a balanced and sustainable development of its territory, while respecting national and regional territorial diversities.
2. Action by the Union shall be aimed at encouraging cooperation between Member States and regions, and, if necessary, supporting their action in the following areas:
 - a) analysing the European territorial structure, trends and developments that are of importance for the European territory and the territorial impact of EU initiatives;
 - b) encouraging the coherence of EU initiatives with a potential impact on the European territory;
 - c) formulating principles and objectives for a balanced and sustainable development of the European territory;
 - d) encouraging cooperation between Member States and regions on issues concerning transnational territorial developments.
3. The Member States are responsible for spatial planning at their territory
4. In order to contribute to the achievement of the objectives referred to in this article:
 - a) A European law or framework law may establish what action is to be taken, excluding any harmonisation of the laws and regulations of the Member States. It shall be adopted after consultation of the Committee of the Regions.
 - b) The Council, acting on a proposal from the Commission, shall adopt recommendations.
 - c) Action by the Union shall fully respect the responsibilities of the Member States for spatial planning at their territory.

