



**PRESS RELEASE ON
THE OFFICIAL START OF THE AZERBAIJANI CHAIRMANSHIP-IN-OFFICE OF BSEC
(July – December 2018)**

The Azerbaijani Chairmanship-in-Office got officially underway during the “*Coordination Meeting of the BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office, the BSEC Committee of Senior Officials, BSEC Related Bodies and the BSEC PERMIS*” held at the BSEC Headquarters, on 12 July 2018.

H.E. Mr. Anar HUSEYNOV, Director of the Department of Economic Cooperation and Development at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan, presented the Priorities of the Chairmanship to the participants of the above-mentioned meeting.

H.E. Mr. HUSEYNOV was welcomed by the Secretary General of the BSEC PERMIS H.E. Ambassador Michael B. CHRISTIDES, who conveyed the best wishes of the Secretariat for the success and the fulfillment of the priorities announced by the Azerbaijani Chairmanship, reiterating that PERMIS will spare no effort to provide its full support and involvement during the entire period.

H.E. Mr. HUSEYNOV underlined that at the core of its Chairmanship-in-Office, Azerbaijan will put the objective of further strengthening BSEC through streamlining the ongoing work aimed at implementing the provisions of the Organisation based on its Charter, *BSEC Economic Agenda: Towards an Enhanced BSEC Partnership as the document that defines strategic objectives of the Organization*, the targets set by the Istanbul Summit Declaration, which was adopted on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary Summit, and the resolutions, decisions and recommendations adopted by the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs. For more information please refer to the “*Priorities of the Chairmanship*” on the following link: www.bsec-organization.org/chairmanship

The Azerbaijani Chairmanship-in-Office of BSEC will cover the period from 1 July to 31 December 2018. In addition to the Meeting of the BSEC Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs (Baku, 1st decade of December 2018), the Meetings of the Ministers of Transport, Culture, as well as a High-Level Meeting on ICT Promotion will constitute the highlights of the calendar of events of the Azerbaijani Chairmanship. The BSEC Calendar of Events is available on the following link: www.bsec-organization.org/events