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**REPORT OF THE
MEETING OF THE BSEC
WORKING GROUP ON ENERGY**

BSEC Headquarters, 8-9 April 2014

1. The Meeting of the BSEC Working Group (WG) on Energy was held at the BSEC Headquarters, on 8-9 April 2014.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Mrs. Ebru ÇAKMAK ÖZCAN, EU Expert, General Directorate of Foreign Relations and EU, Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources of the Republic of Turkey.
3. The following BSEC Member States attended the Meeting:
 - Republic of Albania
 - Republic of Armenia
 - Republic of Azerbaijan
 - Republic of Bulgaria
 - Hellenic Republic
 - Romania
 - Russian Federation
 - Republic of Turkey
4. The following BSEC Related Bodies also participated in the Meeting:
 - BSEC Business Council (BSEC BC)
 - International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS)
5. The following BSEC Observers attended the Meeting:
 - Arab Republic of Egypt
 - Republic of Italy
 - Slovak Republic
 - United States of America

6. The following Guest attended the Meeting:

Energy Policy and Development Centre (KEPA), National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

The List of Participants is attached as Annex I.

7. The Draft Agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The Agenda, as adopted by the Working Group, is attached as Annex II.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS, DECISIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE FOLLOW-UP OF THE DECLARATIONS AND JOINT STATEMENT ADOPTED BY THE MEETINGS OF THE MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF ENERGY

8. The participants took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS in the context of this item.

THE WAY FORWARD FOR AN ACTION PLAN ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE “BSEC ECONOMIC AGENDA: TOWARDS AN ENHANCED BSEC PARTNERSHIP”

9. The participants took note of the project proposals made by the Hellenic Republic.

10. Furthermore, the participants took note of the project proposals templates elaborated by the BSEC PERMIS on:

- Elaboration of a draft Memorandum of Intent (MoI) for in implementing the Sofia Declaration of the Ministers of Energy of the Member States on the Establishment of an Integrated Black Sea Energy Market (BSEC PERMIS’ proposal);
- Undertaking a study on increasing energy interconnectivity in the BSEC Region (BSEC PERMIS’ proposal);
- Launching a BSEC Energy Conservation Campaign (Proposal related to the Implementation of the BSEC Public Communication Strategy).

11. The participants took note of the comments made by the Republic of Turkey with regard to the project proposals by the BSEC PERMIS.

EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY IN THE BSEC MEMBER STATES AND ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECTS HAVING REGIONAL IMPACT

12. The representative of the Republic of Turkey made a presentation about “General Overview of the Turkish Energy Sector”, which is attached as Annex III.

13. The representatives of the Republic of Armenia and the Republic of Bulgaria provided information about recent developments in the energy sector of their respective countries.

STEPS TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN ORDER TO ADVANCE TOWARDS THE GOAL OF ESTABLISHING OF AN INTEGRATED BLACK SEA ENERGY MARKET

14. The participants exchanged views on this issue and took note of the proposals made by the BSEC PERMIS.

15. The Member States are invited to make further comments and proposals regarding the possibility of the establishment of an Integrated Black Sea Energy Market.

COOPERATION OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES IN DEVELOPING ELECTRICAL INTERCONNECTIONS AMONG THEM

16. The representative of the Republic of Turkey presented information on the policy and projects of electrical interconnections between Turkey and other BSEC Member States. The presentation is attached as [Annex IV](#).

COOPERATION OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES IN EXPLORATION AND EXTRACTION OF HYDROCARBON RESOURCES OF THE BLACK SEA

17. The representatives of Romania and the Republic of Turkey presented information on new developments in exploring off shore hydrocarbon resources in the Black Sea.

COOPERATION OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES IN THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE GAS INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

18. The representatives of the Republic of Bulgaria, the Russian Federation and the Republic of Turkey presented information on ongoing and planned gas infrastructure projects.

IMPROVEMENT OF INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE ENERGY SECTOR OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES FOR UPGRADING INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROMOTING ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN THE BSEC REGION

19. The participants took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS in the context of this item.

20. The representative of the Republic of Turkey presented information on possibility of creating a joint working group to detect and evaluate barriers on trade and investment in the BSEC Member States in the energy sector. The information is attached as [Annex V](#).

STRENGTHENING COOPERATION BETWEEN BSEC AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND AGENCIES IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY

21. The representative of the Republic of Turkey provided information about the Training Programs in energy efficiency organized yearly by the Training Center of Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources for third countries and noticed that the experts of the interested Member States may apply for participation. Information regarding the 2014 Program will be sent to the Member States through the BSEC PERMIS in due course.

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE GREEN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

22. The Working Group took note of the Report of the Meeting of the Green Energy Development Task Force (BSEC Headquarters, 7 April 2014).

REVIEW OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE WORKING GROUP ON ENERGY

23. The Working Group took note of the Model Terms of Reference elaborated by the BSEC PERMIS and invited the Member States to present their comments and proposals, not later than 12 May 2014, in the meanwhile making good use of the “Guidelines of the Working Group on Energy” (Terms of Reference) adopted in 1994.

24. In this regard, the Country-Coordinator of the Working Group is invited to elaborate, in cooperation with the BSEC PERMIS, a new Draft Terms of Reference of the Working Group on Energy on the basis of the contributions by the Member States with the aim to present it for approval by the BSEC Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs (Sofia, 19 June 2014).

HOW TO INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE WORK OF THE WORKING GROUP ON ENERGY? – OBSERVATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

25. The participants proceeded to a comprehensive exchange of views on this issue and agreed that Member States should aim constantly at making the meetings of the Working Group on Energy as efficient as possible.

26. The Member States are invited to update, if needed, the List of Representatives of the Working Group. The List of Representatives as of the present meeting is attached as Annex VI.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

27. The BSEC PERMIS provided information on the implementation of the projects “*Technological Systems based on the utilization of water kinetical energy for rural consumers – (TESUWKER)*” and “*CHILDREN: A new hope for Renewable Energy and a Better Place to Live*” financed by the BSEC Hellenic Development Fund under the Call for Proposals on Renewable Energy Sources and Energy Efficiency.

28. Concise information on the mentioned projects, as well as the Final Reports are attached as Annex VII.

DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

29. The participants exchanged views on this issue and agreed that the next meeting should take place in the second half of 2014, under the BSEC Hellenic Chairmanship-in-Office. The date and venue of the next meeting of the Working Group will be communicated to the Member States through BSEC PERMIS.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

30. The participants adopted the present Report for its submission to the Committee of Senior Officials and the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs for their consideration.
