



# ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION

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### REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE BSEC WORKING GROUP ON COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

**BSEC Headquarters, 14 May 2014**

1. The Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Cooperation in Science and Technology (WGCST) was held at the BSEC Headquarters, on 14 May 2014.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Branimir RADEV, Minister Plenipotentiary, Coordinator of the Bulgarian Chairmanship of the Organization of BSEC, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria.
3. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the following BSEC Member States:  
  
Republic of Armenia  
Republic of Azerbaijan  
Republic of Bulgaria  
Hellenic Republic  
Romania  
Republic of Serbia  
Russian Federation  
Republic of Turkey  
Ukraine
4. The representative of the International Centre for Black Sea Studies also participated as BSEC Related Body.
5. The representative of the Commission of the European Union attended the Meeting as BSEC Observer.

The list of participants of the Meeting is attached as **Annex I**.

6. The draft agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The agenda, as adopted, is attached as **Annex II**.

**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS, DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BSEC COUNCIL, AND THE FOLLOW-UP OF THE DECLARATIONS AND JOINT STATEMENTS ADOPTED BY THE MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

7. The Working Group took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS representative on the implementation of the Resolutions, Decisions and Recommendations of the Council and the follow up of the Declarations and the Statements of the Ministers in charge of Science and Technology since the last Meeting of the Working Group on Cooperation in Science and Technology (BSEC Headquarters, 19 November 2013).

8. The participants acknowledged the information and expressed willingness to proceed more actively in order to secure the necessary dynamics in the implementation of those important BSEC documents.

9. The Working Group considered and approved the Report on the Implementation of the Plan of Action of the BSEC Working Group on Cooperation in Science and Technology 2012-2014, elaborated by the Country-Coordinator (the Republic of Turkey), for its submission to the Committee of Senior Officials. The said Report is attached as **Annex III**.

10. The Working Group expressed its appreciation for the work done by the Republic of Turkey in its capacity as the Country-Coordinator of the Working Group for the past two years.

**THE “WAY FORWARD FOR AN ACTION PLAN ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE “ECONOMIC AGENDA TOWARDS AN ENHANCED BSEC PARTNERSHIP” – CONSIDERATION OF CONCRETE PROPOSALS**

11. The Working Group took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS on the previous discussions in the Working Group on the ways and means for the implementation of the priorities contained in “The Way Forward for an Action Plan on the Implementation of the Economic Agenda Towards an Enhanced BSEC Partnership”.

12. The Working Group approved the text of the Questionnaire on developing a registry of national innovation related structures, elaborated by the Republic of Turkey, the Country-Coordinator of the Working Group, and invited the latter to introduce at the earliest convenience explanatory notes as requested. The text of the Questionnaire is attached as **Annex IV**.

13. The Member States were invited to respond to the Questionnaire in advance of the next meeting of the Working Group.

14. Furthermore, the Member States were invited to submit proposals on the other priorities of the BSEC Economic Agenda.

15. The Working Group took note of the following presentations delivered by the delegation of the Russian Federation:

- a) In the presentation “State supporting science and technology challenges - Measures for modern scientific landscape”, special emphasis was made to State programme for development of science and technology to 2020. Its main goal is to concentrate the resources for the creation of a competitive and effective research and development sector.

- b) Saint-Petersburg University of State Fire Service of the Ministry of Russian Federation for Civil Defense, Emergencies and Elimination of Consequences of Natural Disasters. The representative of the University in his presentation made a special emphasis to the necessity of promotion of scientific interaction in particular in the field of implementation of joint innovation programmes.

The two presentations are attached as **Annex V and Annex VI.**

16. The representative of the University called upon the Member States to consider the possibility of concluding cooperation agreements in the sphere of science and technology among the universities of the BSEC Member States.

**REVIEW OF THE PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SECOND BSEC ACTION PLAN (2010-2014) AND PREPARATIONS FOR ELABORATION OF A THIRD BSEC ACTION PLAN ON COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (2014-2018)**

17. The Working Group instructed the BSEC PERMIS to elaborate, in cooperation with the incoming Country-Coordinator, in advance of the next meeting of the Working Group, a Draft of the new BSEC Action Plan on Cooperation in Science and Technology for 2014-2018, based on the second Action Plan (2010-2014), the evaluation reports of the then Country-Coordinators and the Considerations submitted by Romania. In this regard, the Member States are invited to communicate their comments and observations in advance of the next meeting of the Working Group.

18. The participants reiterated the importance of considering the opportunity of convening a meeting of Ministers in charge of Science and Technology of the BSEC Member States, in the near future.

**PROJECT DEVELOPMENT FUND (PDF)**

19. The Working Group took note of the outcome of the Twenty Third Meeting of the Steering Committee of the BSEC Project Development Fund held at the BSEC Headquarters on 28 April 2014, in particular, regarding the state of affairs on sustainability of the PDF resources and PDF projects submitted by the Working Group.

20. The Working Group took note of the information by the Delegation of the Republic of Armenia on the accomplished PDF project “Experimental Deployment of an Integrated Grid and Cloud Enabled Environment in BSEC Countries on the Base of g-Eclipse”, which was elaborated by the institutions from the Republic of Armenia, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Romania, noting that the final report was adopted by the Steering Committee of the BSEC Project Development Fund. The report is attached as **Annex VII.**

21. The Working Group took note of the intention of the Republic of Armenia to provide additional voluntary contribution to PDF to be utilized for completing the financing of the PDF Project on “Develop and Prepare an Experimental Sample of Data Logger Radon Measuring Device Set with Data Collection Central Controller”.

22. Furthermore, the Working Group welcomed the decision of the Steering Committee to renew the process of receiving by the BSEC PERMIS and subsidiary organs of new PDF applications and invited the Member States to submit their project proposals on cooperation in science and technology.

**MEMORANDUM OF INTENT ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BSEC-USA**

23. The participants took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS on the latest developments in reference to the Memorandum of Intent (MoI).
24. The Working Group took note of the proposals on the implementation of the MoI, elaborated by the Republic of Turkey. The proposals are attached as **Annex VIII**.
25. The Working Group reiterated its invitation to the Republic of Moldova to submit, at their earliest convenience, a Concept Paper on their earlier proposals on the implementation of the MoI.
26. The Member States were invited to present concrete proposals and projects for consideration at the next meeting of the Working Group.

### **COOPERATION WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (OVERALL EVALUATION, CONCRETE PROJECT PROPOSALS)**

27. With reference to the Report of the Meeting of the Committee of Senior Officials (Yerevan, 10-11 December 2013), the Working Group took note of the request of the representative of the European Commission, present at the Meeting of the Working Group as an Observer, that paragraph 24 of the Report of its Meeting held at the BSEC Headquarters on 21 May 2013, be rectified, in accordance with the letter of the European Commission of 30 May 2013, circulated by the BSEC PERMIS Note No: BS/INFO.2013.0369, dated 11 June 2013, and read as follows:

“The representative of the European Commission presented the related EU policy context and focused in particular on activities under the Framework Programme, also informing BSEC on two relevant conferences during the Lithuanian and Greek EU Presidencies. The representative of the European Commission indicated that the Greek Presidency Conference will give emphasis on science and technology issues in the Black Sea and that could benefit from active cooperation with regional organizations such as BSEC”.

### **HOW TO INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE WORK OF THE WORKING GROUP? – OBSERVATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS**

28. The Working Group took note of the information on the issue delivered by the BSEC PERMIS and exchanged views on the ways and means of increasing the efficiency of the Working Group.
29. In this context, the participants requested the BSEC PERMIS to continue taking practical steps towards upgrading the content of the draft agendas of the Working Group meetings in such a way that they include more substantial, project-oriented issues which are of interest to the Member States. Within this framework, the PERMIS reiterated that it will welcome all proposals from the Member States for the draft agendas of the meetings of the Working Group.
30. The Member States were invited to communicate to the BSEC PERMIS updated information on the List of Representatives/Focal Points of the Working Group, attached as **Annex IX**.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

31. No issue was raised under this Agenda item.

**ADOPTION OF THE REPORT**

32. The Working Group adopted the present Report for the submission to the next Meeting of the Committee of Senior Officials of the BSEC Member States, to be held in Varna on 17-18 June 2014.

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