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

*BSEC Headquarters, 7 April 2017*

1. The Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Cooperation in Science and Technology was held at the BSEC Headquarters, on 7 April 2017.
2. The Meeting was chaired by H.E. Ambassador Ms. Serap ÖZCOŞKUN, Special Representative of the Turkish Chairmanship-in-Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey.
3. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the following BSEC Member States:  
Republic of Armenia  
Republic of Azerbaijan  
Hellenic Republic  
Romania  
Russian Federation  
Republic of Serbia  
Republic of Turkey  
Ukraine
4. The representative of the United States of America attended as BSEC Observer.
5. The list of participants of the Meeting is attached as **Annex I**.

**AGENDA ITEM 1: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

**AGENDA ITEM 2: 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 information provided by the BSEC PERMIS 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, 24-25 October 2016).

**AGENDA ITEM 3: CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT PLAN OF ACTION OF THE WORKING GROUP ON COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (1 JULY 2016 – 30 JUNE 2018)**

8. The Working Group considered, amended and adopted the draft Plan of Action of the Working Group on Cooperation in Science and Technology for a period 1 July 2016 - 30 June 2018, elaborated by the Country-Coordinator (the Russian Federation). The Plan of Action is attached as **Annex III**.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: ACTIONS TAKEN OR TO BE TAKEN WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE THIRD BSEC ACTION PLAN ON COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (2014-2018)**

9. The Working Group took note of information on the steps taken to implement the Third BSEC Action Plan on Cooperation in Science and Technology (2014-2018), provided by the BSEC PERMIS.

10. The BSEC PERMIS also delivered to the participants the updated Report, prepared by the ICBSS, on its involvement the “Black Sea Horizon” project and other activities in the field of Science and Technology, attached as **Annex IV**.

11. The delegation of the Republic of Turkey delivered a presentation on “EU-Black Sea Joint Call” for proposals within the framework of “The Black Sea Horizon Project”, in which TUBITAK is involved with other partners from BSEC and EU Member States, as well as information on new web site of TUBITAK (<http://h2020.org.tr>). Interested institutions from the BSEC Member States were invited to join the Joint Call as new funding partners and to attend the Black Sea Horizon International Conference, to be held in Athens, on 8 May 2017. The presentations are attached as **Annexes V and VI**.

12. The Working Group reiterated its call to the relevant authorities of the Member States that have not yet responded to the Questionnaire on national innovation related structures, to do so as soon as possible, so that a data base of the national innovation related structures of the BSEC Member States could be created. The Questionnaire is attached as **Annex VII**.

13. The delegation of the Republic of Turkey expressed the readiness to consider the possibility to collect and maintain information received through the Questionnaire and publicly share it on the web site of TUBITAK (<http://h2020.org.tr/en>).

**AGENDA ITEM 5: YOUTH AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

14. The Working Group took note of information presented by the BSEC PERMIS on the consideration of Youth and Sports issues within BSEC and reiterated its call to the Member

States to propose projects reflecting the interconnection between Science and Technology and Youth.

15. The delegation of the Republic of Turkey expressed its willingness to prepare a list of related support programmes and share it with other BSEC Member States. In this connection, the relevant authorities of the Member States were encouraged to come up with concrete proposals.

16. The representative of Romania proposed to support the involvement of young researchers in Science and Technology.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: THE FINAL REPORT OF THE PDF PROJECT “DEVELOP AND PREPARE AN EXPERIMENTAL SAMPLE OF DATA LOGGER RADON MEASURING DEVICE SET WITH DATA COLLECTION CENTRAL CONTROLLER”**

17. The Working Group took note of information on the Final report of the PDF project proposal “Develop and Prepare an Experimental Sample of Data Logger Radon Measuring Device Set with Data Collection Central Controller”, provided by the BSEC PERMIS and the representative of the Republic of Armenia. The presentation of the Republic of Armenia is attached as **Annex VIII**.

18. The Working Group agreed to submit the final report of the PDF project for further consideration of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Seismic Risk. At the same time, the Project Team was requested to clarify how other Member States could obtain this device or benefit from its usage.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: MEMORANDUM OF INTENT ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BSEC-USA**

19. The BSEC PERMIS recalled that the Working Group proposed to the United States of America in 2015 to consider the possibility of organizing a joint workshop / training on Science and Technology, as an initial step in the implementation of the Memorandum of Intent. In this connection, the relevant authorities of the Member States were invited to submit additional concrete proposals.

20. The representative of the United States informed that the United States continues to welcome proposals from the Working Group that fall within the scope of the Memorandum of Intent and will continue to consider the possibility of organizing a joint workshop / training on Science and Technology.

**AGENDA ITEM 8: COOPERATION WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

21. The Working Group took note of information provided by BSEC PERMIS on the collaboration with other international and regional organizations.

22. The representative of Romania delivered a presentation on “The Joint Operational Programme Black Sea Basin 2014-2020” and invited interested institutions from the BSEC Member States to join the Programme. The presentation is attached as **Annex IX**.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 9: ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

23. The delegation of the Russian Federation proposed to consider the possibility of creating a BSEC peer-reviewed journal, indexed in the Scopus or Web of Science databases for scientists of the BSEC Member States, as well as inclusion of topics related to science, technology and innovation in the BSEC Region into the Online BSEC Quarterly Newsletter or the BSEC Bulletin.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 10: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT**

24. 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.