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**REPORT OF THE
MEETING OF THE BSEC
WORKING GROUP
ON EXCHANGE OF STATISTICAL DATA
AND ECONOMIC INFORMATION**

Online, 21 May 2025

1. The Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Exchange of Statistical Data and Economic Information was held online, on 21 May 2025.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Ms. Serap GÖZEL, Head of International Relations Group, Turkish Statistical Institute (TurkStat), on behalf of the Country-Coordinator, the Republic of Türkiye.
3. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the following BSEC Member States:
 - Republic of Albania
 - Republic of Armenia
 - Republic of Azerbaijan
 - Republic of Bulgaria
 - Georgia
 - Hellenic Republic
 - Republic of Moldova
 - Romania
 - Russian Federation
 - Republic of Serbia
 - Republic of Türkiye
 - Ukraine

4. The following BSEC Related Bodies also participated in the Meeting:

Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC)
Black Sea Trade and Development Bank (BSTDB)
International Center for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS)

5. The List of Participants of the Meeting is attached as **Annex I**.

6. The Opening Remarks were made by:

- Ms. Serap GÖZEL, Head of International Relations Group, Turkish Statistical Institute (TurkStat), on behalf of the Country-Coordinator;

AGENDA ITEM 1: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

AGENDA ITEM 2: INFORMATION FROM THE MEMBER STATES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BSEC ECONOMIC AGENDA, EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON NATIONAL POLICIES, ON PROGRESS ACHIEVED AND ON BEST PRACTICES IN THE FIELD OF STATISTICS

8. Under this Agenda Item, the representative from the Secretariat provided information on the steps already done and/or to be done for the preparation of the report of the Secretary General on the implementation of the BSEC Economic Agenda as decided by the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member States at its Meeting held on 28 June 2024, namely:

- (1) the Working Group is meeting regularly;
- (2) regular and efficient exchange of data, expertise and experiences among the Member States;
- (3) resuming of the publication of the Compilation of Main Economic and Social Indicators for the BSEC Countries;
- (4) reactivation and strengthening of the work of the existing Coordination Center for the Exchange of Statistical Data and Economic Information, as an Affiliated Center of BSEC.

9. The representatives of the Republic of Türkiye presented national activities and best practices in the field of statistics, and progress achieved in the implementation of the Goal 13 of the BSEC Economic Agenda, such as the statistical website for children, the publication of statistics on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the Republic of Türkiye, the preparation for an exhibition next year for the 100th Anniversary of TurkStat, etc.

AGENDA ITEM 3: DISCUSSIONS OF THE DRAFT COMPILATION OF MAIN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INDICATORS FOR THE BSEC COUNTRIES

10. The representative of the BSEC Coordination Centre on Exchange of Statistical Data and Economic Information (as well as the Country-Coordinator of the Working Group) presented the updated Aggregated Table prepared with the contributions sent so far from the Member States and their recent updates and presented some missing data and data that need to be checked.

11. The deadline for receiving the last update is 31 May 2025, to be sent to the BSEC PERMIS.

AGENDA ITEM 4: UPDATE ON THE NOMINATION OF NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS FOR THE CONTINUOUS UPDATE OF THE DATA ON THE BSEC COORDINATION CENTER ON ESDEI WEBSITE

12. The Secretariat presented the table of the National Contact Points received so far. The participants decided to invite the Member States that have not sent their nominations to do so, as soon as possible. The table of the National Contact Points is attached as Annex III.

AGENDA ITEM 5: DATE AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

13. The date and venue of the next meeting will be communicated in due course.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14. No issue was raised under this Agenda Item.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEETING

15. The Working Group adopted the Report of the Meeting to be submitted to the next Meeting of the Committee of Senior Officials.
