

ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION

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REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE BSEC WORKING GROUP ON ENERGY

14 March 2025, online

1. The Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Energy was held online on 14 March 2025.

2. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Ashraf SHIKHALIYEV, Head of International Cooperation Department of the Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

3. The following BSEC Member States attended the Meeting:

Republic of Armenia Republic of Azerbaijan Georgia Hellenic Republic Russian Federation Republic of Serbia Republic of Türkiye Ukraine

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

Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC) Black Sea Trade and Development Bank (BSTDB)

5. The following Sectoral Dialogue Partner participated in the Meeting:

Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR)

6. The List of Participants is attached as <u>Annex 1</u>.

7. The BSEC PERMIS Deputy Secretary General Ambassador Dimitrios RALLIS made opening remarks.

- 8. The delegation of Ukraine made a statement.
- 9. The delegation of the Russian Federation made a statement.

10. The Draft Agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The Agenda, as adopted by the Working Group, is attached as <u>Annex 2</u>.

<u>AGENDA ITEM 2:</u> IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS, DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FOLLOW-UP OF THE DECLARATIONS AND JOINT STATEMENTS ADOPTED BY THE MEETINGS OF THE MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF ENERGY

11. The Working Group took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS.

<u>AGENDA ITEM 3</u>: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF GOAL 4 "SUSTAINABLE ENERGY AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE BLACK SEA ENERGY MARKET" OF THE UPDATED BSEC ECONOMIC AGENDA ENTITLED "TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE OF THE WIDER BLACK SEA AREA"

12. The Working Group took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS on the implementation process of the Goal 4 (Sustainable Energy and Development of the Black Sea Energy Market) of the "BSEC Economic Agenda: Towards a sustainable future of the wider Black Sea area".

13. In light of importance of the innovative energy technologies for sustainable development reflected in the BSEC Economic Agenda the Working Group took note of the intention of the PERMIS to finalize, in consultation with the Country-Coordinator and Member States, an indicative list of possible areas of cooperation in advanced energy technologies within the BSEC framework.

14. The delegation of the Republic of Armenia made a statement on the implementation process of the BSEC Economic Agenda.

<u>AGENDA ITEM 4</u>: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY WITH FOCUS ON GREEN ENERGY IN THE BSEC MEMBER STATES; PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBER STATES

15. The delegation of the Republic of Türkiye made a presentation on *"Türkiye's Energy Policies and Outlook"*.

16. The delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan made a presentation on "*Recent Developments in the Field of Energy in the Republic of Azerbaijan*".

17. The delegation of the Russian Federation made a presentation on "*Russian Energy Policy. Security, Efficiency and Diversification*" and informed about the Conferences and Forums on energy issues held and the forthcoming International Conference "Risk Management in Energy".

<u>AGENDA ITEM 5</u>: ACTIVITIES IN THE BSEC REGION OF THE BSEC GREEN ENERGY NETWORK (BSEC-GEN); REPORT BY ITS COORDINATOR

18. Due to the absence of the Coordinator of the BSEC Green Energy Network (BSEC-GEN) the Latter's presentation on the activities of the Network was deferred to the next Meeting of the Working Group on Energy.

19. The delegation of the Republic of Armenia referred to the Green Energy Investments Forum, held in Athens in October 2024.

<u>AGENDA ITEM 6</u>: COOPERATION BETWEEN BSEC AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY

20. The Working Group took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS.

<u>AGENDA ITEM 7</u>: NEXT COUNTRY-COORDINATORSHIP OF THE WORKING GROUP ON ENERGY

21. The Working Group took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

22. The delegation of the Republic of Armenia presented details of the project "Crossroads of Peace" initiated by the Government of the Republic of Armenia.

AGENDA ITEM 9: DATE AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

23. The date and venue of the next meeting of the Working Group will be communicated to the Member States through the BSEC PERMIS in due time.

AGENDA ITEM 10: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

24. The Working Group adopted the present Report for its submission to the Committee of Senior Officials for its consideration.