



# ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION

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**REPORT  
OF THE JOINT MEETING  
OF THE BSEC WORKING GROUP  
ON COOPERATION IN EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AND  
THE BSEC AD HOC WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS IN SEISMIC RISK**

**Online, 17 June 2025**

1. The Joint Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Cooperation in Emergency Assistance and the BSEC Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts in Seismic Risk was held online on 17 June 2025.

2. The Meeting was chaired by Ms. Raluca Georgiana ERDINÇ, Senior Expert, International Relations Unit, General Directorate for European Affairs Schengen and International Relations, Ministry of the Internal Affairs of Romania.

3. The Meeting was co-chaired by Mr. Marian-Cosmin BUNOIU, Acting Head of EU-NATO Policies and Civil Protection Strategic Partnerships Unit, Department for Emergency Situations, Ministry of the Internal Affairs of Romania.

4. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the following BSEC Member States:

Republic of Armenia  
Republic of Azerbaijan  
Republic of Bulgaria  
Georgia  
Republic of Moldova  
Republic of North Macedonia  
Romania  
Russian Federation  
Republic of Serbia  
Republic of Türkiye  
Ukraine

The List of Participants is attached as **Annex I**.

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

6. The Working Group expressed its deepest condolences over the passing of the member of the Greek delegation Mr. Christos PAPAIOANNOU.

7. The delegation of Ukraine made a statement.

8. The delegation of the Russian Federation made a statement.

9. The Draft Agenda of the Meeting was adopted. The Agenda, as adopted, is attached as **Annex II**.

**AGENDA ITEM 2: 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 MINISTERS OF EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**

10. The delegations took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS.

**AGENDA ITEM 3: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF GOAL 17 OF THE UPDATED BSEC ECONOMIC AGENDA “TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE OF THE WIDER BLACK SEA AREA”**

11. The delegations took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS on Goal 17 of the updated BSEC Economic Agenda “Towards a Sustainable Future of the Wider Black Sea Area”.

12. The delegations exchanged views on ways and mechanisms on implementation of Goal 17 of the BSEC Economic Agenda on Cooperation in Emergency situations.

13. The delegation of the Republic of Armenia made a presentation on the situation in the area of seismic risk in Armenia and made the following proposals:

a. To create a portal integrated into the website of the BSEC Organization, where the responsible Liaison Officers of the BSEC Network on Emergency Assistance can post the relevant information as a concrete and efficient mechanism for exchanging important information on emergency situations;

b. To organize joint rescue exercises in BSEC countries in case of devastating earthquakes;

c. To create a database on damage to typical residential buildings during destructive earthquakes.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PRESENTATION OF THE PLAN OF ACTION OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS IN SEISMIC RISK FOR THE PERIOD OF 1 JULY 2025 – 30 JUNE 2026 BY THE NEXT COUNTRY-COORDINATOR, THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC**

14. The agenda item has been postponed to the next Meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM 5: EVALUATION REPORT BY THE CURRENT COUNTRY-COORDINATOR OF THE WORKING GROUP ON COOPERATION IN EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE, ROMANIA, ON THE ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT DURING ITS COORDINATORSHIP (1 JULY 2023 – 30 JUNE 2025)**

15. The Working Group took note of the information provided by the Country-Coordinator, Romania, on the activities carried out during its Coordinatorship (1 July 2023 – 30 June 2025). **The Evaluation Report of Romania is attached as Annex III.**

16. The delegation of Romania expressed its willingness to take over the Country-Coordinatorship of the Working Group on Cooperation in Emergency Assistance for the next term (1 July 2025 – 30 June 2027).

**AGENDA ITEM 6: REGIONAL COOPERATION AND COORDINATION AMONG THE BSEC MEMBER STATES IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS (EARTHQUAKES, FLOODS, TORRENTS, WILDFIRES). PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBER STATES ON BEST PRACTICES IN LIGHT OF CURRENT CHALLENGES**

17. The delegations took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS.

18. The delegation of the Republic of Serbia provided information on regional cooperation on providing humanitarian assistance in emergency situations.

19. The delegation of Romania made a presentation titled “*Praid Salt Mine Water Infiltration, Situation Update*”.

20. The delegation of the Russian Federation made a presentation on “*Medium-term Assessment of Possible Individual Seismic Risks*”.

21. The delegation of the Republic of Türkiye emphasized the importance of technical aspects particularly indicators and mathematical models of forecasting natural disasters and expressed interest to cooperate with the Russian Federation on the matter.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ANY OTHER BUSSINESS**

22. No issue was raised under this agenda item.

**AGENDA ITEM 8: DATE AND THE VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP**

23. It was decided that the date and the venue of the next meeting will be communicated by the BSEC PERMIS to the Member States in due course.

**AGENDA ITEM 9: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT**

24. The Working Group adopted the Report of the Joint Meeting for its submission to the next Meeting of the BSEC Committee of Senior Officials.