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REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE BSEC AD HOC WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS IN SEISMIC RISK

7 October 2026, online

1. The Meeting of the BSEC Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts in Seismic Risk was held online on 7 October 2026.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Dr. Thomas SALONIKIOS, Institute of Engineering Seismology and Earthquake Engineering - Research and Technical Institute (ITSAK) of the Hellenic Republic.
3. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the following BSEC Member States:

Republic of Armenia
Republic of Azerbaijan
Georgia
Hellenic Republic
Republic of Moldova
Romania
Russian Federation
Republic of Türkiye
Ukraine

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

4. The BSEC PERMIS Deputy Secretary General Ambassador Dimitrios RALLIS made opening remarks.
5. The Draft Agenda of the Meeting was introduced and adopted. The Agenda, as adopted, is attached as **Annex II**.

AGENDA ITEM 2: EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GOAL 17, “COOPERATION IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS” OF THE BSEC ECONOMIC AGENDA

6. The delegations took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS.
7. The delegations exchanged views and opinions on ways and mechanisms for implementation of the BSEC Economic Agenda, emphasizing the importance of further intensifying joint efforts in this regard.
8. The delegation of the Hellenic Republic made a proposal on creation of a BSEC portal for sharing specific scientific and educational materials related to seismic risk reduction in the BSEC Member States.
9. The BSEC PERMIS requested the delegations to provide information on existing national portals which will facilitate data exchange among institutions concerned. The BSEC website will then ensure direct links to these national portals.

AGENDA ITEM 3: PRESENTATION OF THE ACTION PLAN FOR THE PERIOD OF 1 JULY 2026 – 30 JUNE 2028 BY THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC, THE COUNTRY-COORDINATOR OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS IN SEISMIC RISK

10. The delegation of the Hellenic Republic in its capacity of the Country-Coordinator introduced the Action Plan of the BSEC Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts in Seismic Risk for the period of 1 July 2026 – 30 June 2028 which was adopted by the Ad Hoc Working Group. The Action Plan is attached to the Report as **Annex III**.

AGENDA ITEM 4: REVIEW OF RECENT SEISMIC EVENTS IN THE BSEC REGION. BEST PRACTICES ON IMMEDIATE RESPONSE, PREPAREDNESS AND REGIONAL COOPERATION. PRESENTATIONS BY THE MEMBER STATES

11. The delegations took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS.
12. The delegation of Romania made a presentation titled “Services to support emergency response and seismic risk mitigation in Romania”.
13. The delegation of the Hellenic Republic made a presentation titled “Experimental tests and *in situ* structural monitoring for the seismic evaluation of concrete and composite concrete structures”.
14. The delegation of the Republic of Armenia made a presentation titled “Dynamics of time changes in the seismic risk of a big city”.
15. The delegation of the Russian Federation made a presentation titled “Medium-term assessment of potential individual seismic risks for planning risk-reduction measures in 2026”.

AGENDA ITEM 5: PROMOTION OF REGIONAL TRAININGS, SEMINARS AND SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCES AIMED AT THE ACHIEVEMENT OF BETTER APPLICATION OF JOINT EFFORTS IN CASE OF DESTRUCTIVE EARTHQUAKES

16. The delegations stressed the importance of promoting organization of regional trainings, seminars and scientific conferences aimed at the achievement of better application

of joint efforts in case of emergency and increase of awareness about the best practices used in emergency situations.

17. The BSEC PERMIS presented information on the WHO Ministerial Conference on Advancing Health Security Through Earthquake Emergency Management which was organized by the WHO/Europe in collaboration with the Government of the Republic of Türkiye and was held on 1–2 July 2026 in Istanbul.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

18. No specific issue was raised under this Agenda Item.

AGENDA ITEM 7: DATE AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

19. 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 8: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

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