



# 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 NETWORK OF LIAISON OFFICERS ON EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**

**11 May 2026, Online**

1. The Joint Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Cooperation in Emergency Assistance and the BSEC Network of Liaison Officers on Emergency Assistance was held online on 11 May 2026.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Catalin IVAN, Head of the EU-NATO Policies and Civil Protection Strategic Partnerships Unit, Directorate General for Civil Protection, Department for Emergency Situations, Ministry of Internal Affairs of Romania.
3. The Meeting was co-chaired by Ms. Raluca Georgiana ERDINÇ, Senior Expert, International Relations Unit, General Directorate for European Affairs, Schengen and International Relations, Ministry of Internal Affairs of Romania.
4. 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  
Republic of North Macedonia  
Romania  
Russian Federation  
Republic of Türkiye  
Ukraine

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

5. The BSEC PERMIS Deputy Secretary General Ambassador Dimitrios RALLIS in his opening remarks emphasized the importance of substantiation of the activities of the Working Group on the basis of recommendations reflected in the first Progress Report of the BSEC PERMIS Secretary General on the implementation of the BSEC Economic Agenda.

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

**AGENDA ITEM 2: EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF GOAL 17 OF THE BSEC ECONOMIC AGENDA**

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

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

9. The delegation of the Republic of Armenia emphasized the necessity of intensification of efforts aimed at implementing the relevant provisions of Goal 17 of the BSEC Economic Agenda with a focus on organization of regional trainings and use of modern technologies to predict natural and man-made disasters.

**AGENDA ITEM 3: PRESENTATION OF THE ACTION PLAN OF THE WORKING GROUP ON COOPERATION IN EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR THE PERIOD OF 1 JANUARY 2026 – 31 DECEMBER 2027 PREPARED BY THE COUNTRY-COORDINATOR, ROMANIA**

10. The Action Plan of the Working Group on Cooperation in Emergency Assistance introduced by Romania, the Country-Coordinator, was discussed and adopted (**attached as Annex III**).

**AGENDA ITEM 4: REGIONAL COOPERATION AND COORDINATION AMONG THE BSEC MEMBER STATES IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS (FLOODS, TORRENTS, WILDFIRES). PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBER STATES ON BEST PRACTICES IN LIGHT OF CURRENT CHALLENGES**

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

12. The delegations underlined the importance of intensification of concerted efforts by Member States within the framework of the BSEC respective subsidiary bodies and development of international cooperation in preventing and eliminating the consequences of the natural and man-made disasters in light of frequent cases of natural disasters.

13. The delegation of the Republic of Türkiye made a presentation on the activities of the Disaster Management Center of the General Directorate of Disaster Response.

14. The delegation of the Republic of Türkiye made a presentation on the activities carried out by the General Directorate of Water Management of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

15. The delegation of Georgia made a presentation on the activities of the Emergency Management Service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

16. The delegation of the Republic of Armenia provided information on the activities of the Rescue Service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs with a focus on international cooperation in emergency situations.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON OPPORTUNITIES FOR JOINT TRAININGS AND EXERCISES IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS**

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

18. The delegations stressed the importance of organization of joint trainings and exercises for emergency situations aimed at improving coordination and cooperation between different agencies.

19. The BSEC PERMIS expressed its appreciation to the Country-Coordinator, Romania, for the intention to organize a webinar on Large-Scale Wildfire Management.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6: WAYS OF IMPROVEMENT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BSEC NETWORK OF LIAISON OFFICERS ON EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**

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

21. The delegations underlined that enhancing and strengthening the effectiveness of the BSEC Network of Liaison Officers is an instrument for information exchange and effective collaborative response in emergency situations.

22. PERMIS welcomed the intention of the Country-Coordinator, Romania, to send through PERMIS a standardized form to Member States requesting updated contact details, including out-of-hours emergency contacts.

23. The Country-Coordinator introduced details on the matter.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

24. No issue was raised under this agenda item.

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

25. 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**

26. The Working Group adopted the Report of the Joint Meeting of the Working Group on Cooperation in Emergency Assistance the BSEC Network of Liaison Officers on Emergency Assistance for its submission to the next Meeting of the BSEC Committee of Senior Officials.