



**PRESS RELEASE ON
THE VISIT OF “PLASTICSEUROPE” AND “NATIONAL PACKAGING WASTE
RECYCLING ENTERPRISE” (PAGÇEV)
(BSEC Headquarters 23 October 2019)**

Mr. Giuseppe RIVA, Director Mediterranean Region of “*PlasticsEurope*” and Mrs. Yağmur CENGİZ, General Manager of the Turkish “*National Packaging Waste Recycling Enterprise*” (PAGÇEV) visited the BSEC PERMIS Headquarters on 23 October 2019 in order to discuss the possibilities of closer cooperation in what concerns the promotion of various marine litter projects and awareness-raising actions in the wider Black Sea region. The BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Michael B. CHRISTIDES, the First Deputy Secretary General Ambassador Selim YENEL and the responsible Executive Manager Mrs. Rositsa STOEVA participated in this brainstorming meeting, during which a thorough exchange of views on the various chapters of possible cooperation took place, for example well-publicized efforts for the collection of marine litter, the preparation of informative programs for all levels of education, etc.

The two sides agreed among other to promote the project of collecting old fishing nets and transforming them in useful items like picnic tables and benches, to proceed with the preparation of a specialized workshop for the benefit of municipality representatives from the BSEC Member States, to promote also to interested BSEC Member States the *European Youth Debating Competition* which is supported by “*PlasticsEurope*” in some European states, etc.

An updating on the above developing cooperation-relationship between BSEC PERMIS and “*PlasticsEurope*” will follow in due course.