

## ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION

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## PRESS RELEASE ON THE VISIT OF THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND WATER ECONOMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA

The Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy of the Republic of North Macedonia Mr Abdylshyqyr Abedini paid a visit to the BSEC PERMIS on 8 December 2022 where he was received by the Deputy Secretary General Ambassador Dimitrios Rallis.

During the meeting Deputy Minister Abedini informed on the strategies and policies of the Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy and expressed their interest in closer cooperation with the BSEC in the field of agriculture, including the programs released to food and security. He also expressed the wish for a closer involvement in the work of the BSEC Secretariat of administrators from North Macedonia.

Deputy Secretary General Ambassador Rallis welcomed North Macedonia's desire to work closely with BSEC PERMIS and informed Deputy Minister Abedini on the activities of BSEC in the field of agriculture and on work for establishment of the BSEC Regional Cooperation Centre for Sustainable Food Systems in close cooperation with the FAO Sub-regional office for Türkiye and Central Asia and the Republic of Türkiye.