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## PRESS RELEASE ON THE PARTICIPATION OF THE BSEC PERMIS IN THE "10TH GREEN ENERGY INVESTMENTS FORUM"

The 10th Green Energy Investments Forum organized by the Energy Policy and Development Center (KEPA) of the National & Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA) under the auspices of the BSEC Organization was held within the framework of the 16<sup>th</sup> International Scientific Conference on Energy and Climate Change, in Athens on 11-13 October 2023.

The Forum was attended by the representatives of the Government of the Hellenic Republic, ambassadors from the BSEC Member States and other diplomats accredited in Athens, the BSEC PERMIS, Academic Institutions participating in the network of United Nations Academic Institutions (UNAI) for promoting the UN SDG-s, as well as by scientists from Universities and Research Institutions.

Keynote speakers were: Theodoros Skylakakis, Minister of Environment and Energy of the Hellenic Republic; Lazar Comanescu, Secretary General of the BSEC PERMIS; Prof. Dimitrios Mavrakis, Director of KEPA, Coordinator of the BSEC-GEN; Çağatay Erciyes, Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye to the Hellenic Republic, as representative of the current BSEC Chairman-in-Office. Contributions to the Forum were also brought by Ambassadors of the BSEC Member States accredited in Athens, representatives of the BSTDB, Universities and Energy-related entities.

In his address, the BSEC PERMIS Secretary General highlighted the importance BSEC attaches to investments in green energy, sustainability, harmonization of the national legislation of the BSEC Member States, strengthening the cooperation between BSEC and other international organizations and agencies active in the field of energy. He further indicated that the area of green energy will be duly considered in the current process of updating the BSEC Economic Agenda. While appreciating the close cooperation with the KEPA and the BSEC-GEN Ambassador Comanescu encouraged the expansion of the Network so as to increase its contribution to the elaboration and implementation of new projects while making best use of additional opportunities of communication and exchange of professional expertise.

The hope was expressed that the efforts of Governments will not be spared towards the transformation of the BSEC Region into a model for clean energy by the year 2050 according to the BSEC Green Energy Strategy.