



ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION

Permanent International Secretariat

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**PRESS RELEASE**  
**ON THE OFFICIAL START OF**  
**THE ARMENIAN CHAIRMANSHIP-IN-OFFICE OF BSEC**  
**(1 July – 31 December 2024)**

The Coordination Meeting of the Armenian BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office (CiO) took place online, on 9 July 2024. This first official BSEC meeting under the Armenian CiO was chaired by Mr. Nairi Petrossian, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Armenia to BSEC.

BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu, in his opening remarks warmly congratulated the Armenian Chairmanship, conveyed to it the best wishes of success and reassured of PERMIS's readiness and commitment to fully support and closely collaborate with the Chairmanship in fulfilling their mandate.

The Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia H.E. Mr. Paruyr Hovhannisyan presented CiO's priorities (1 July – 31 December 2024), with the motto "*Engagement, Outreach, Resilience*" and emphasized on the importance of inclusive economic cooperation and trade facilitation for maintaining regional peace and stability. He also reiterated CiO's commitment to closely cooperate with BSEC Permanent International Secretariat, Member States and Related Bodies towards further improving the efficiency of the Organization and enhancing economic cooperation among the countries of the region.

Headlines of the priorities are as follows:

- **Cooperation**
- **Engagement**
- **Connectivity**
- **Sustainability**

*For full text of the Armenian priorities please visit:*

<https://www.bsec-organization.org/chairmanship>

The meeting also approved the calendar of events during the Armenian Chairmanship-in-Office.