

## ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION

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## PRESS RELEASE ON THE VISIT OF THE DELEGATION FROM MALTEPE UNIVERSITY

A delegation from Maltepe University, led by the Rector Prof. Dr. Edibe Sözen, visited BSEC PERMIS on 14 January 2025 and was received by Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu and First Deputy Secretary General Ambassador Merve Safa Kavakcı.

The aim of the meeting was to establish initial contact and become better acquainted with each other's work in order to identify opportunities for cooperation in areas of mutual interest.

Highlighting the role of BSEC Organization as a valuable framework for promoting regional cooperation in the wider Black Sea area, Secretary General Comanescu emphasized the relevance of strengthening interaction with the academic sector for promoting an efficient economic cooperation within the BSEC framework and welcomed the interest therein of Maltepe University. Prospects for future interaction were discussed in this context, particularly in areas such as trade and logistics, sustainability and environment, agro-industry and food safety, etc. The participation of University representatives in the work of relevant BSEC Working Groups was also discussed, while the BSEC PERMIS was invited to participate in upcoming Symposia that this University will organize.