

ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION

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## PRESS RELEASE ON PARTICIPATION IN THE 24<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL LARGE MARINE ECOSYSTEM CONSULTATION MEETING (LME24)

The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Large Marine Ecosystem Consultation Meeting (LME24) took place in Athens on 14-16 May 2025, organized by IOC/UNESCO (Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission), IW: LEARN, UNEP/Mediterranean Action Plan, FAO, GEF (Global Environmental Facility). BSEC PERMIS was represented by Executive Manager Ambassador Venera Domi.

LME provides a global forum for Global Environment Facility(GEF)-funded projects, partner organizations and institutions, including Regional Seas Organizations and Fisheries Management Organizations. It contributes to the development of the LME partnerships by engaging marine, coastal management, biodiversity and coastal climate change adaptation project leaders, with the aim to share experiences and lessons on the ecosystem-based management of LMEs and ocean governance.

Presentations followed by break-out sessions with free discussions took place during the consultation meeting. The participants shared their experiences with the implementation of GEF-funded projects and the main problems that affect the implementation of these projects.