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PRESS RELEASE ON THE PARTICIPATION OF THE BSEC PERMIS IN THE SECOND MEETING OF THE PRESIDENTS OF THE ACADEMIES OF SCIENCES OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION MEMBER STATES

Deputy Secretary General Ambassador Dimitrios Rallis, represented BSEC PERMIS in the 2nd Meeting of the Presidents of the Academies of Sciences of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation, organized at the initiative of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC) and Istanbul University, in Istanbul on 27 June 2025.

Participants in the meeting were university rectors, academics and scientists from eight BSEC Member States, as well as representatives of the Black Sea University Network (BSUN), PABSEC, and numerous other scholars.

Under the theme "Cooperation and Development of Science and Education in the Black Sea Region", participants exchanged views on strengthening cooperation in science and education to foster sustainable development and innovation in the wider Black Sea region. The key role of scientific cooperation in addressing global and regional challenges, including climate change, digital transformation, artificial intelligence, socio-economic inequalities, etc., was emphasized, as well as the importance of joint initiatives to advance research, promote interdisciplinary studies and improve knowledge exchange.

In his presentation, Ambassador Rallis referred to the importance that BSEC attaches to the areas of education and science and technology, and in this regard pointed to the BSEC Economic Agenda, its strategic policy document that provides a roadmap for cooperation in these areas and presented a number of related BSEC projects and activities. He confirmed BSEC PERMIS's commitment to fostering and directing partnership collaboration towards promoting dialogue, regional stability and economic cooperation in the Black Sea area.