



ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION

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**PRESS RELEASE  
ON THE OFFICIAL START OF  
THE BULGARIAN CHAIRMANSHIP-IN-OFFICE OF BSEC  
(1 July – 31 December 2025)**

The Coordination Meeting of the Bulgarian BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office with the BSEC Committee of Senior Officials, BSEC Related Bodies and BSEC PERMIS took place online on 14 July 2025.

The Meeting was chaired by Ms. Rositsa Stoeva, National Coordinator of the Bulgarian Chairmanship-in-Office of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization (BSEC), Head of Development Cooperation Department, Foreign Economic Relations and Development Cooperation Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu, in his opening remarks conveyed his best wishes of successes to the Bulgarian Chairmanship and reassured it of PERMIS's full support in fulfilling their mandate.

H.E. Mrs. Elena Shekerlenova, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria, presented the Priorities of the Chairmanship-in-Office under the motto "*Collective Commitment in the Black Sea Area*".

The priorities are as follows:

- **Environmental Protection and Sustainable Management of Marine Resources** (addressing critical environmental challenges such as marine pollution and biodiversity loss.)
- **Cooperation in Culture, Education, and Tourism** (Strengthening collaboration, advancing tourism partnerships.)
- **Regional Sustainability and Crisis Management** (Enhancing regional cooperation and coordinated responses.)
- **Cooperation with the EU and other international and regional organizations** (Actively engaging with the EU, as well as with other global and regional interlocutors strengthening the Organization's role as a bridge).

For full text of the Bulgarian priorities please visit:

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

The meeting approved the calendar of events during the Bulgarian Chairmanship-in-Office:

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