



PRESS RELEASE

**ON THE WORKSHOP ON LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORKS, INVENTORYING, AND
TRANSMISSION OF INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE IN THE BSEC REGION:
EXPERT'S REFLECTION**

The Permanent International Secretariat of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC PERMIS) held an online Workshop on *Legislative Frameworks, Inventorying and Transmission of Intangible Cultural Heritage* on 14 October 2025. The event was organized under the coordination of the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of the Republic of Armenia, in its capacity as Country-Coordinator of the BSEC Working Group on Culture.

Opening remarks were delivered by BSEC PERMIS Deputy Secretary General, Ambassador Dimitrios Rallis, and the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Armenia to BSEC, Mr. Nairi Petrossian. Both emphasized the vital role of cultural heritage in fostering dialogue, regional cooperation, and sustainable development, as well as the need to protect and safeguard living traditions as a means of strengthening cultural identity and intercultural understanding.

The Workshop featured expert presentations from Armenia on national legislative frameworks, inventorying systems, and transmission mechanisms for intangible cultural heritage, with a particular focus on community participation, youth engagement, and innovation. Representatives from eight BSEC Member States, as well as from the ICBSS and CPMR, participated in the Workshop, sharing their respective experiences and emphasizing the need for intergenerational transmission and enhanced regional cooperation.

Participants reaffirmed their commitment to promoting closer collaboration among experts, institutions, and policy-makers in the BSEC region, and to developing joint projects under the framework of the BSEC Working Group on Culture.

The Workshop concluded with an acknowledgment of the importance of continued expert dialogue, exchange of best practices, and practical initiatives aimed at preserving and transmitting the region's rich intangible cultural heritage.