



ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION

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**THE GEORGIAN CHAIRMANSHIP-IN-OFFICE OF BSEC**  
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The Coordination Meeting of the Georgian Chairmanship-in-Office (CiO) of BSEC with the BSEC Committee of Senior Officials, BSEC Related Bodies and BSEC PERMIS took place online on 2 February 2026.

The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Archil Karaulashvili, Director of the Directorate for Security Policy, International Organizations, and Euro-Atlantic Integration of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, and was dedicated to the presentation of CiO's priorities as well as to the consideration and approval of the calendar of events during the first Semester of 2026.

The Priorities of the Chairmanship-in-Office are as follows:

- **Strengthening Regional Connectivity and Supporting the Middle Corridor** (improving the capacity, efficiency, and sustainability of transport and trade routes, strengthening energy security and digital connectivity, therefore, reinforcing the region's resilience and competitiveness.)
- **Advancing Energy Security and Developing the Green Energy Corridor** (fostering a connected, sustainable, and energy-secure future across the Black Sea region, developing green energy and related initiatives that enhance clean, reliable, and diversified energy connectivity.)
- **Revitalizing Tourism and Fostering Cultural Cooperation** (encouraging joint initiatives aimed at revitalizing the tourism sector, enhancing cultural exchange, developing sustainable tourism, etc.)
- **Advancing Digitalization and Good Governance** (strengthening digital cooperation and advancing good governance, harmonizing policies and regulations, etc.)

For full text of these priorities please visit: <https://www.bsec-organization.org/chairmanship>

The calendar of events was also discussed and approved:

<https://www.bsec-organization.org/events/eventType/Upcoming>