



PRESS RELEASE
ON THE PARTICIPATION AT THE BLACK SEA BLUE ECONOMY SUMMIT

The Black Sea Blue Economy Summit was held in Trabzon on 25 -31 March 2026, and was attended by the representatives of international organizations, members of diplomatic corps, as well as academic and business circles.

The Summit consisted of several sessions and topics under blue economy such as regional cooperation and sustainable blue economy, role of E-commerce, blue economy and cruise tourism in the Black Sea, financial strength and strategies, shipbuilding and Ro-Ro transportation, projects and policies conducted by international organizations, etc.

BSEC PERMIS was represented by First Deputy Secretary General Ambassador Dr. Merve Safa Kavakcı, who made a presentation on day 1, under the session "Regional Cooperation and Sustainable Blue Economy: Shared Vision, Shared Future, Security". In her presentation she briefed the audience on the activities and projects of BSEC Organization. She further continued her presentation referring to complex, interlinked challenges like: environmental degradation and marine pollution; climate change impacts; biodiversity loss; increasing pressure on coastal and maritime resources as well as evolving security dynamics, and she underlined in this context, the active role of BSEC in promoting a balanced approach that integrates economic development with the protection of marine ecosystems, in line with both regional priorities and European frameworks.

On the sidelines of the Summit, Ambassador Kavakcı, paid a courtesy visit to the Rector of the Black Sea Technical University Professor Dr. Hamdullah Çuvalcı.