



**PRESS RELEASE  
ON THE PARTICIPATION IN THE  
THIRD MEETING OF THE PRESIDENTS OF THE ACADEMIES OF  
SCIENCES OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION MEMBER STATES  
“ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AS A CATALYST FOR SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION IN  
THE BSEC REGION”**

The Third Meeting of the Presidents of the Academies of Sciences of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Member States under the topic “Artificial Intelligence as a catalyst for scientific cooperation in the BSEC Region” was held in Sofia on 15 May 2026.

The Presidents of the Academies of nine BSEC Member States attended the meeting. The Rector of Istanbul University, President of Turkish Academy of Sciences and the Head of Global Council for Tolerance and Peace were also among the participants.

Each participant from the Member States presented their research and the developments in the area of artificial intelligence and shared their expertise. They also adopted the text of the “*Joint Communiqué on the Results of the Third Meeting of the Presidents of Academies of Sciences of the BSEC Member States*”.

Invited by the organizers, BSEC PERMIS was represented by the First Deputy Secretary General Ambassador Dr. Merve Kavakcı. Ambassador Kavakcı informed the participants about the recent activities of BSEC and the developments pertinent to artificial intelligence.