



ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION

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**PRESS RELEASE
ON WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY**

On World Environment Day, BSEC calls for enhanced, cross-border cooperation to protect the unique and vulnerable marine ecosystem of the wider Black Sea region.

As this region faces rising threats of climate change, coastal erosion, and marine plastic pollution, BSEC emphasizes that environmental sustainability is inseparable from economic prosperity. Guided by Goal 5 (Environment and Climate Action) of its Economic Agenda, BSEC is actively working with its 13 Member States to implement the "BSEC Climate Change Adaptation Strategy".

Through key initiatives like the Blueing the Black Sea (BBSEA) project – focused on reducing plastics and promoting green technologies – and partnerships with EU, WB, UNDP, UNEP, CPMR and the Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea against Pollution, BSEC remains dedicated to driving impactful environmental stewardship.

On this World Environment Day, BSEC urges all regional stakeholders, governments, and private sector partners to prioritize the Green Agenda and secure a sustainable future for the Black Sea basin.