



**PRESS RELEASE
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THE HELLENIC CHAIRMANSHIP-IN-OFFICE OF BSEC
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The Coordination Meeting of the Hellenic Chairmanship-in-Office of BSEC (CiO) with the BSEC Committee of Senior Officials, BSEC Related Bodies and BSEC PERMIS took place online on 3 July 2026.

The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Nicholas Emirzas, Counselor for Economic and Commercial Affairs, B4 Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic, 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 second Semester of 2026.

Some of the highlights of the Priorities of the Chairmanship-in-Office under the motto "*Moving forward: Promoting regional economic cooperation in the wider Black Sea area*" are as follows:

- **Promoting the implementation of the "BSEC Economic Agenda"** (promote connectivity; highlight trans-regional, regional and national projects for advancing transport, energy, telecommunications, and logistics connectivity; extend and modernize transport, energy and digital networks and interconnections; and promote multimodal corridors).
- **Promoting people-to-people contacts** (prioritize the implementation of the Action Plans of the Working Groups on Culture, Education and Tourism).
- **Promoting the interaction of BSEC with partners and third parties** (prioritize contacts with other international and regional organizations, with the aim to share best practices and explore the possibilities for joint projects and the leverage of resources)
- **Promoting the project-oriented character of BSEC** (prioritize the replenishment of the BSEC; propose to initiate an update of the Manual of Operations of the BSEC PDF).

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

The calendar of events was also discussed and approved.