



ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION

Permanent International Secretariat

**PRESS RELEASE
ON THE PARTICIPATION
IN THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BLACK SEA BROADCASTING
REGULATORY AUTHORITIES FORUM (BRAf)**

Upon the invitation of the Black Sea Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (BRAf), BSEC PERMIS First Deputy Secretary General Ambassador Dr. Merve Kavakcı, and Executive Manager Mr. Alexei Nistean, participated in the Thirteenth Annual Meeting of BRAf held in Sofia on 16-18 September 2026.

The event was organized by the BRAf Secretariat in close cooperation and under the auspices of the Council for Electronic Media (CEM) of the Republic of Bulgaria. Representatives of nine BSEC Member States attended the meeting and presented country reports on the activities of their national broadcasting regulatory authorities. The second part of the meeting was dedicated to the debate Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Media and Regulation. Mr. Nistean moderated the first Panel "How AI is Reshaping Content Creation, Moderation, and Distribution: from the perspective of regulatory authorities, are contents produced within the framework of protecting pluralism, transparency, and fundamental rights?" during which presentations were made by the Council for Electronic Media of Bulgaria, National Council for Radio and Television of Greece and the Commission on Television and Radio of Armenia.

During the event, Ambassador Dr. Kavakcı gave a brief overview of the activities of BSEC and highlighted the role of BRAf in promoting the objectives of BSEC. She welcomed continued cooperation between BRAf and BSEC while noting the importance of ongoing collaboration between the institutions.