



PRESS RELEASE
ON THE PRESENCE OF BSEC AT THE THESSALONIKI INTERNATIONAL FAIR
AND ON THE CONVENING OF THE BSEC BUSINESS COUNCIL BOARD OF
DIRECTORS

At the joint initiative of the Hellenic Chairmanship-in-Office of BSEC and the Hellenic Chairmanship of the BSEC Business Council, a Pavilion dedicated to the BSEC Organization and its Related Bodies was for the first time hosted at the Thessaloniki International Fair (5–13 September 2026). The Pavilion was co-organized by the Hellenic Parliament, the Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Black Sea Trade and Development Bank (BSTDB), with the support of the Hellenic Committee of the BSEC Business Council, BSEC PERMIS, PABSEC and ICBSS.

BSEC PERMIS was represented at the inauguration ceremony on 5.9.2026 by the Deputy Secretary General Ambassador Dimitrios Rallis. The Pavilion was opened by the Speaker of the Hellenic Parliament Mr. Nikitas Kaklamanis in the presence of the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Greece Mr. Theoharis Theoharis.

In parallel to above event, the Meeting of the BSEC Business Council Board of Directors (BSEC BC BoD) was held in Thessaloniki on 11 September 2026. BSEC PERMIS was represented by Deputy Secretary General Ambassador Dimitrios Rallis, and Executive Manager Tabriz Garayev.

In his opening remarks, the Chairman-in-Office of the Business Council , Mr. Charilaos Alexopoulos, presented the priorities of the BSEC Business Council during the Hellenic Chairmanship and outlined his vision for strengthening the role of the Business Council within the BSEC framework.

Among the main issues discussed during the Board Meeting of the Business Council were the BSEC BC's operations and the eventual revision of its Statute, the renewal of its website and the establishment of a central registry protocol.

In his statement, Ambassador Rallis welcomed the reactivation of the Business Council and the strengthening of its institutional foundations. He emphasized the importance of intensifying intraregional trade and investment to contribute to economic development as well as stability. Ambassador Rallis also highlighted the role of the chambers of commerce and business associations of the BSEC member countries in identifying business needs and cooperation opportunities.