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**REPORT OF THE MEETING  
OF THE BSEC WORKING GROUP ON ENERGY**

**10 December 2020, online**

1. The Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Energy was held online on 10 December 2020.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Ms. Carmen OGLAKCI, Head of the Bureau, Cooperation with Non-EU Countries, Single Market Directorate, Ministry of Economy, Energy and Business Environment of Romania.
3. The following BSEC Member States attended the Meeting:  
  
Republic of Armenia  
Republic of Azerbaijan  
Republic of Bulgaria  
Georgia  
Hellenic Republic  
Romania  
Russian Federation  
Republic of Serbia  
Republic of Turkey  
Ukraine
4. The Representative of the Parliamentary Assembly of BSEC (PABSEC) attended the Meeting as the BSEC Related Body.
5. The Representatives of the Arab Republic of Egypt attended the Meeting as the BSEC Observer.
6. Prof. Dimitrios MAVRAKIS, Director of the Energy Policy and Development Centre (KEPA) of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Coordinator of the BSEC Green Energy Network, attended the Meeting as a Special Guest.
7. The List of Participants is attached as **Annex 1**.
8. The Draft Agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The Agenda, as adopted by the Working Group, is attached as **Annex 2**.

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## **AGENDA ITEM 2: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIORITIES FOR THE THIRD MEDIUM-TERM (2019-2021) OF THE “BSEC ECONOMIC AGENDA TOWARDS AN ENHANCED BSEC PARTNERSHIP”(ECONOMIC AGENDA 2012)**

9. Ms. Carmen OGLAKCI, the Chairperson of the Meeting, in her opening remarks informed about the main activities of the Romanian Chairmanship in 2020.
10. The Working Group took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS.
11. The Working Group discussed and exchanged views on the priorities for the third medium-term (2019–2021) of the “BSEC Economic Agenda towards an Enhanced BSEC Partnership”.
12. The representative of Energy Market Regulatory Authority (EMRA) of the Republic of Turkey Mr. Mehmet KURKCU made a presentation and shared information about ongoing activities of EMRA and on the cooperation between the respective regulatory authorities of the BSEC Member States.
13. Professor Dimitrios MAVRAKIS elaborated on the inputs provided by some Member States on establishing the regional energy market.
14. On the basis of the exchange of views the Working Group decided to revert to the consideration of the issue of developing regional energy market at a next Meeting upon a specific proposal by one or more Member States.

## **AGENDA ITEM 3: COUNTRY-COORDINATOR-SHIP OF THE WORKING GROUP FOR THE NEXT TERM**

15. The Working Group took note of the information provided by PERMIS. It was decided to defer the matter to the next CSO Meeting tentatively to be held in the first semester of 2021.

## **AGENDA ITEM 4: COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF GREEN ENERGY**

16. The Working Group took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS on the conclusions and recommendations of the 7<sup>th</sup> “**Green Energy Investment Forum**” held online on 7 October 2020 and on the implementation of the initiative “75 UN – 75 trees UNAI SDG7” proposed by the Energy Policy and Development Center (KEPA) of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA), in its dual capacity as the UN Academic Impact Hub for the 7<sup>th</sup> Sustainable Development Goal (UNAI Hub SDG7) and as the Coordinator of the Green Energy Network of the Black Sea Economic Co-operation Organization (BSEC - GEN).
17. Professor Dimitrios MAVRAKIS made a presentation about the activities of the Green Energy Network, which is functioning under the supervision of the BSEC PERMIS since 2015 as well as on the latest developments with regards to the implementation of the initiative “75 UN – 75 trees UNAI SDG7” aimed at marking the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Nations. The presentations of Professor MAVRAKIS are attached as **Annex 3, Annex 4 and Annex 5.**

## **AGENDA ITEM 5: DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN BSEC AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY**

18. Ambassador Traian CHEBELEU, Deputy Secretary General of the BSEC PERMIS, provided details on the events organized by other international organizations and institutions in the field of energy which have been attended by the representatives of the BSEC PERMIS.

19. Ambassador Traian CHEBELEU while stressing the importance of the cooperation developed with other international and specialized organizations such as UNECE and Energy Charter mentioned that PERMIS recently established a working contact with the International Energy Agency.

## **AGENDA ITEM 6: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY IN THE BSEC MEMBER STATES IN CURRENT EXTRAORDINARY CONDITIONS CAUSED BY THE OUTBREAK OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECTS HAVING REGIONAL IMPACT**

20. The participants exchanged views on the matter.

21. The delegation of the Republic of Armenia made a presentation under the title “*Armenia Renewable Resources and Energy Efficiency Fund*”. The presentation of the Republic of Armenia is attached as **Annex 6**.

22. The delegation of the Republic of Bulgaria presented details on ongoing projects being implemented by Bulgaria in the field of energy.

23. The delegation of the Hellenic Republic provided information on the energy policy of Greece and ongoing projects.

24. The delegation of the Republic of Turkey provided information on the energy policy of Turkey and the ongoing projects in this sector.

25. The delegation of Georgia presented details on the energy policy and main challenges in the energy sector of Georgia.

26. The delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan made a presentation under the title “*Renewable Energy as a Driving Force for Sustainable Development in Azerbaijan*”. The presentation of the Republic of Azerbaijan is attached as **Annex 7**.

27. Professor MAVRAKIS as the Coordinator of the BSEC-GEN invited the representatives of the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Republic of Bulgaria and Georgia to participate in the forthcoming Green Energy Investments Forum that was proposed to be organized in Bulgaria in 2021.

28. Professor MAVRAKIS proposed to consider a possibility of organizing a Joint Meeting on Energy and Climate Change with the aim to focus on the Resilient and Sustainable Recovery Plans that the BSEC Member States may have developed.

### **AGENDA ITEM 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

29. No issue was raised under this agenda item.

### **AGENDA ITEM 8: DATE AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

30. The date and venue of the next meeting of the Working Group will be communicated to the Member States through the BSEC PERMIS in due time.

### **AGENDA ITEM 9: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT**

31. The Working Group adopted the present Report for its submission to the Committee of Senior Officials for its consideration.