



ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION

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REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE BSEC WORKING GROUP ON ENERGY

30 November 2022, online

1. The Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Energy was held online on 30 November 2022.

2. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Tigran MELKONYAN, Head of the Energy Department of the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure of the Republic of Armenia.

3. The following BSEC Member States attended the Meeting:

Republic of Armenia
Republic of Azerbaijan
Republic of Bulgaria
Georgia
Hellenic Republic
Republic of Moldova
Republic of North Macedonia
Russian Federation
Republic of Serbia
Republic of Türkiye
Ukraine

4. The following BSEC Related Bodies attended the Meeting:

the Parliamentary Assembly of BSEC (PABSEC);
the Black Sea Trade and Development Bank (BSTDB).

5. The following BSEC Observer attended the Meeting:

State of Israel

6. The following Guests attended the Meeting:

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;

Ms. Diana HARUTYUNYAN, UNDP, Armenia.

7. The List of Participants is attached as **Annex 1**.

8. The BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar COMANESCU made opening remarks.

9. The Draft Agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The Agenda, as adopted by the Working Group, is attached as **Annex 2**.

AGENDA ITEM 2: EXCHANGE OF VIEWS RELATING TO PROPOSALS MADE BY MEMBER STATES ON THE GOAL 4 (SUSTAINABLE ENERGY AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE BLACK SEA MARKET) OF THE REVISED TEXT OF THE “BSEC ECONOMIC AGENDA TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE OF THE WIDER BLACK SEA AREA”

10. The Working Group took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS.

11. It was decided to continue deliberations on the Goal 4 (Sustainable Energy and Development of the Black Sea Energy Market) of the revised “BSEC Economic Agenda Towards a Sustainable Future of the Wider Black Sea Area” at the next Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Organizational and Legal Matters.

AGENDA ITEM 3: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN OF ACTION BY THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA, THE COUNTRY-COORDINATOR OF THE WORKING GROUP, FOR THE PERIOD OF 1 JULY 2021 - 30 JUNE 2023

12. The delegation of the Republic of Armenia in its capacity of the Country-Coordinator of the Working Group provided information on the process of implementation of the provisions of the Plan of Action for the period of 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2023.

AGENDA ITEM 4: COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF GREEN ENERGY

a) Activities of the BSEC Green Energy Network (BSEC-GEN)

13. Professor Dimitrios MAVRAKIS, Director of the Energy Policy and Development Center (KEPA) of the National and Kapodistrian University (NKUA) of Athens, Coordinator of the BSEC-GEN made a presentation entitled “BSEC-Green Energy Network Forthcoming Activities in 2023” (attached as **Annex 3**).

b) Implementation of the provisions of the Green Energy Strategy

14. The Working Group took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS.

c) Consideration of the conclusions of the 9th “Green Energy Investments Forum” held in Athens on 12-14 October 2022

15. Professor MAVRAKIS presented details on the outcome of the 9th “Green Energy Investments Forum” and of 15th International Scientific Conference on Climate Change and Energy held in Athens on 12-14 October 2022 organized by KEPA under the auspices of the BSEC PERMIS.

16. Professor MAVRAKIS informed the participants that the 10th edition of the Forum along with the Scientific Conference on Climate Change and Energy will be held in October 2023.

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

17. The Working Group took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS on participation of PERMIS in several energy-related events.

18. The importance of cooperation between BSEC and other energy-related organizations and entities was highlighted.

19. Mr. Sahak SARGSYAN, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Armenia to BSEC provided details on the webinar entitled “Green Energy in the BSEC region and beyond” which was organized jointly by the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure of the Republic of Armenia and the BSEC PERMIS.

20. Ms. Albina MAGDESIAN, Chief Expert, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Energy of Russia informed the Working Group that the 6th International Conference “Risk Management in Energy” will be held on 13 April 2022.

AGENDA ITEM 6: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY IN THE BSEC MEMBER STATES IN LIGHT OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENTS AND CURRENT CHALLENGES

21. The participants were invited to present information on recent developments and activities (agreements, workshops, conferences etc.) in the field of energy in respective Member States in light of regional developments and current challenges.

22. Ms. Zaruhi GHARAGHYOZYAN, Head of Project Implementation and Procurement Department, R2E2 Fund, made a presentation “Armenia Renewable Resources and Energy Efficiency Fund” (attached as **Annex 4**).

23. Mr. Henrikh YEREMYAN, Principal Banker, Energy and Infrastructure, BSTDB, made a presentation entitled “BSTDB Capabilities in Energy and Infrastructure” (attached as **Annex 5**).

24. Ms. Diana HARUTYUNYAN, UNDP, Armenia, made a presentation “Climate and Energy Agenda of Armenia: Perspectives and Opportunities” (attached as **Annex 6**).

25. Mr. Nikoloz KHOLODOV, Chief Specialist, EE and RE Policy and Sustainable Development, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia, made a presentation entitled “Recent Developments in the Energy Sector of Georgia” (attached as **Annex 7**).

26. Mr. Oleksandr KUCHMA, Vice-Consul, Consulate General of Ukraine in Istanbul made a statement (attached as **Annex 8**).

27. Mr. Asen ZAHARIEV, Chief Expert, International Energy Cooperation Department, Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Bulgaria, provided information on the recent and ongoing developments in energy sector of Bulgaria.

28. Mr. Artur ZAKAEV, First Secretary, Department of Economic Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Russian Federation, made a statement (attached as **Annex 9**).

AGENDA ITEM 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

29. No specific 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.