



# ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION

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

30 November 2023, online

1. The Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Energy was held online on 30 November 2023.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Elnur ALAKBAROV, Head of Division for Affairs with International Organizations, Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Azerbaijan.
3. The Meeting was co-chaired by Ms. Halime SEMERCI KUŞÇU, Head of the Department of Multilateral Affairs and the European Union, Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources of the Republic of Türkiye, in the capacity of the Chairmanship-in-Office.
4. The following BSEC Member States attended the Meeting:  
  
Republic of Armenia  
Republic of Azerbaijan  
Republic of Bulgaria  
Georgia  
Hellenic Republic  
Republic of Moldova  
Russian Federation  
Republic of Serbia  
Republic of Türkiye  
Ukraine
5. The representative of the Black Sea Trade and Development Bank (BSTDB) attended the Meeting as the BSEC Related Body.
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 (BSEC-GEN), attended the Meeting as a Guest.
7. Ms. Branislava JOVICIC, Communication Consultant and Editor of Balkan Green Energy News, attended the Meeting as a Guest.

8. The List of Participants is attached as **Annex 1**.
9. The BSEC PERMIS Deputy Secretary General Ambassador Dimitrios RALLIS made opening remarks.
10. 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: STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS, DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FOLLOW-UP OF THE DECLARATIONS AND JOINT STATEMENTS ADOPTED BY THE MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF ENERGY OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES**

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

**AGENDA ITEM 3: PRESENTATION OF THE EVALUATION REPORT BY THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA, COUNTRY-COORDINATOR, FOR THE PERIOD OF 1 JULY 2021 – 30 JUNE 2023**

12. The delegation of the Republic of Armenia, the previous Country-Coordinator of the Working Group, introduced the Evaluation Report for the period of 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2023.

13. The Working Group took note of the Evaluation Report. The Evaluation Report is attached as **Annex 3**.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PRESENTATION OF THE PLAN OF ACTION OF THE WORKING GROUP BY THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN, COUNTRY-COORDINATOR, FOR THE PERIOD OF 1 JULY 2023 – 30 JUNE 2025**

14. The delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Country-Coordinator of the Working Group, introduced the Plan of Action for the period of 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2025.

15. The Working Group discussed and adopted the Plan of Action presented for the period of 1 July 2023 - 30 June 2025. The Plan of Action is attached to the Report as **Annex 4**.

**AGENDA ITEM 5: COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF GREEN ENERGY**

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

16. 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 on the most recent activities of the Network. The presentation and the draft list of the Network are attached as **Annex 5 and 6**.

17. The delegations were invited to review and update the list of the Network.

18. The delegation of the Russian Federation stressed the necessity to follow the principle of balanced representation of the events of the BSEC-GEN and called the host countries to stick to their international obligations in order to maintain it.

**b) Implementation of the provisions of the Green Energy Strategy**

19. The Working Group took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS and stressed the importance of implementation of the provisions of the BSEC Green Energy Strategy. The BSEC Green Energy Strategy is attached as Annex 7.

**c) Outcome of the 10<sup>th</sup> “Green Energy Investments Forum” held in Athens on 11-13 October 2023**

20. Professor MAVRAKIS and the BSEC PERMIS presented details on the outcome of the Forum. The presentation made by Professor MAVRAKIS and the Conclusions of the Forum are attached to the Report as Annex 8 and 9.

21. Professor MAVRAKIS announced that the 11<sup>th</sup> Green Energy Investments Forum is scheduled to take place in Athens in October 2024.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: COOPERATION BETWEEN BSEC AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY**

22. The BSEC PERMIS provided details on the following events in the field of energy which have been attended by the representatives of the BSEC PERMIS.

- a) 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference “Risk Management in Energy-2023” (13 April 2023, online),
- b) 60<sup>th</sup> Meeting of PABSEC Economic, Commercial and Financial Affairs Committee (7 April 2023, online) on the role of Parliaments in enhancing Energy security in the BSEC Member States.

23. The delegation of the Russian Federation provided details on the 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference “Risk Management in Energy-2023” and invited to participate in the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the Conference that will take place online on 25 April 2024.

24. Ms. Branislava JOVICIC, Communication Consultant and Editor of Balkan Green Energy News, provided information on the outcome of the Belgrade Energy Forum 2023 (BEF) held on 8-9 May 2023 in Belgrade and announced that the next BEF 2024 Forum will be held in May 2024 in Belgrade.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY IN THE BSEC MEMBER STATES IN LIGHT OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENTS AND CURRENT CHALLENGES. PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBER STATES**

25. The delegation of the Republic of Armenia provided information about the ongoing Energy Week Armenia 2023.

26. The delegation of the Republic of Bulgaria provided information on the situation of the energy sector in the Republic of Bulgaria and on the cooperation with the BSEC Member States.

27. The delegation of the Republic of Türkiye made presentations on a) Türkiye Energy outlook; b) Energy Efficiency; c) Türkiye Hydrogen Technologies Strategy and Roadmap. The presentations are attached as **Annex 10, 11 and 12**.

28. The delegation of Ukraine made a statement on the current situation in energy sector in Ukraine. The statement is attached as **Annex 13**.

29. The delegation of the Russian Federation made a statement on the current situation in energy sector in the Russian Federation and the necessity to maintain the safety of transboundary gas infrastructure. The statement is attached as **Annex 14**.

30. The delegation of Georgia provided information on current developments in energy sector in Georgia.

31. The delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan made a statement on the current developments in the oil and gas industry in the Republic of Azerbaijan. The statement is attached as **Annex 15**.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

32. No issue was raised under this agenda item.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 9: DATE AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

33. 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 10: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT**

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