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**REPORT
OF THE MEETING OF THE BSEC
WORKING GROUP
ON EXCHANGE OF STATISTICAL DATA
AND ECONOMIC INFORMATION**

Online, 23 November 2023

1. The Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Exchange of Statistical Data and Economic Information was held online, on 23 November 2023.
2. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the following BSEC Member States:

Republic of Albania
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
3. The following BSEC Related Body also participated in the Meeting:

Black Sea Trade and Development Bank (BSTDB)
4. The following BSEC Observer attended the Meeting:

Arab Republic of Egypt
5. The List of Participants of the Meeting is attached as **Annex I**.
6. The Meeting was moderated by the BSEC Permanent International Secretariat (PERMIS).

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AGENDA ITEM 1: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

7. The draft Agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The Agenda, as adopted, is attached as **Annex II**.

AGENDA ITEM 2: PRESENTATION OF STATE OF PLAY OF THE PROCESS OF BUILDING THE BSEC DATA PAGE ON STATISTICAL DATA AND ECONOMIC INFORMATION BASED ON THE REPLIES OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON MAIN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INDICATORS FOR THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION COUNTRIES

8. The representatives of the BSEC Coordination Center on Exchange of Statistical Data and Economic Cooperation presented a brief overview of the replies to the Questionnaire on Main Economic and Social Indicators for the BSEC Countries that was disseminated with the BSEC PERMIS Note No: BS/INFO.2023.0146 dated 2 May 2023.

9. The Questionnaire on Main Economic and Social Indicators for the BSEC Countries is attached as **Annex III**.

10. The Aggregated Table prepared by the BSEC Coordination Center on Exchange of Statistical Data and Economic Information and discussed during the meeting is attached as **Annex IV**.

AGENDA ITEM 3: DISCUSSIONS ON TABLES 1, 2, 3 AND 4 (SURFACE, POPULATION, LABOR AND NATIONAL ACCOUNTS) ACCOMPANIED BY EVENTUAL COMPLETION OF EMPTY CELLS

11. The participants discussed in detail the aggregated tables 1, 2, 3 and 4, respectively on Surface, Population, Labor and National Accounts.

12. The representatives from the Member States decided to send additional information until 5 December 2023. In addition, they decided that the priority information on the aggregated table will be presented in a highlighted form.

AGENDA ITEM 4: DISCUSSIONS ON TABLE 5 (INDEX NUMBERS) ACCOMPANIED BY EVENTUAL COMPLETION OF EMPTY CELLS.

13. The participants discussed in detail the aggregated table 5 on Index Numbers.

14. The representatives from the Member States decided to send additional information until 5 December 2023. In addition, they decided that the priority information on the aggregated table will be presented in a highlighted form.

AGENDA ITEM 5: DISCUSSIONS ON TABLES 6, 7 AND 8 (FOREIGN TRADE, MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY AND CONSTRUCTION) ACCOMPANIED BY EVENTUAL COMPLETION OF EMPTY CELLS

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15. The participants discussed in detail the aggregated tables 6, 7 and 8 on Foreign Trade, Manufacturing Industry and Construction.

16. The representatives from the Member States decided to send additional information until 5 December 2023. In addition, they decided that the priority information on the aggregated table will be presented in a highlighted form.

AGENDA ITEM 6: DISCUSSIONS ON TABLE 9 (TOURISM) ACCOMPANIED BY EVENTUAL COMPLETION OF EMPTY CELLS

17. The participants discussed in detail the aggregated table 9 on Tourism.

18. The representatives from the Member States decided to send additional information until 5 December 2023. In addition, they decided that the priority information on the aggregated table will be presented in a highlighted form.

AGENDA ITEM 7: DISCUSSIONS ON TABLES 10 AND 11 (TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION) ACCOMPANIED BY EVENTUAL COMPLETION OF EMPTY CELLS

19. The participants discussed in detail the aggregated tables 10 and 11 on Transportation and Communication.

20. The representatives from the Member States decided to send additional information until 5 December 2023. In addition, they decided that the priority information on the aggregated table will be presented in a highlighted form.

AGENDA ITEM 8: DISCUSSIONS ON TABLES 12, 13 AND 14 (EDUCATION, INCOME AND CONSUMPTION AND ENVIRONMENT) ACCOMPANIED BY EVENTUAL COMPLETION OF EMPTY CELLS

21. The participants discussed in detail the aggregated tables 12, 13 and 14 on Education, Income and consumption and Environment.

22. The representatives from the Member States decided to send additional information until 5 December 2023. In addition, they decided that the priority information on the aggregated table will be presented in a highlighted form.

AGENDA ITEM 9: DISCUSSIONS ON THE NOMINATION OF NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS FOR THE CONTINUOUS UPDATE OF THE DATA ON THE BSEC COORDINATION CENTER ON ESDEI WEBSITE

23. The representatives from the Member States discussed and decided to nominate a National Contact Point for the continuous update of the data base. The name and contact detail will be communicated to the Secretariat until 31 December 2023. The Secretariat will prepare the table of National Contact Points that will be disseminated to all the participants.

24. They also decided to update the aggregated table on a yearly basis, until the 1st of December of each year.

25. The participants decided to remove from the final Aggregated Table for 2023 the sheets where the majority of the information is missing.

26. The Participants decided to convene another short meeting of the Working Group to discuss the aggregated table by the end of January 2024.

AGENDA ITEM 10: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

27. No issue was raised under this agenda item.

AGENDA ITEM 11: DATE AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

28. The date and venue of the next meeting will be communicated in due course.

AGENDA ITEM 12: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEETING

29. The Working Group adopted the Report of the Meeting to be submitted to the next Meeting of the Committee of Senior Officials, scheduled to be held in Istanbul on 13-14 December 2023.