



PRESS RELEASE ON THE BSEC WORKSHOP ON HIGHER EDUCATION

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A BSEC Workshop under the title “*Developing an Information Network on Recognition to Maintain Quality in Higher Education*”, organized by the Council of Higher Education of the Republic of Turkey in collaboration with BSEC PERMIS, was held on 12 November 2018 at the BSEC PERMIS Headquarters in Istanbul. Opening statements were delivered by Prof. Dr. Mehmet DURMAN, on behalf of the Council of Higher Education and by Dr. Sergei GONCHARENKO, Deputy Secretary General of the BSEC PERMIS. About 40 participants from the relevant institutions in charge of higher education from the following BSEC Member States as well as from PABSEC attended the said Workshop: the Republic of Azerbaijan, Georgia, Romania, the Russian Federation and the Republic of Turkey.

Participants delivered presentations and exchanged views on quality assurance in higher education, on activities in compliance with European Higher Education Area / Bologna Process and on recognition/equivalence practices. They underlined the importance of quality assurance in higher education and its improvement, encouraged more collaboration within the “*Black Sea Universities Network*” (BSUN) and recommended the development of an information network among the BSEC Member States towards more effective processes of recognition and equivalence, which will be further elaborated upon by the BSEC Working Group on Education.