



**PRESS RELEASE ON
THE WORKING BREAKFAST HOSTED BY H.E. MRS. NADEZHDA NEYNSKY,
AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA TO THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY**

The Ambassador of the Republic of Bulgaria to Turkey, H.E. Mrs. Nadezhda NEYNSKY hosted on the 27 February 2019 a working breakfast for the Ambassadors / Heads of Mission of the EU Member States accredited to the Republic of Turkey, as well as for the Ambassadors / Heads of Mission of States enjoying the Observer and the Structural-Dialogue-Partner status with the BSEC Organization. The objective of the event was to present and brief the above distinguished invitees on the priorities of the BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office, currently held by Bulgaria, and to inform them on the activities and plans of the Organization, in particular in what concerns its balanced and mutually beneficial cooperation relationship with the EU and other International Organizations.

Ambassador NEYNSKY briefly described the priorities of the Bulgarian Chairmanship and reiterated the great importance that the Republic of Bulgaria attaches to improve the effectiveness of the BSEC Organization, especially in the fields of Transport, Energy, Trade, Tourism and Maritime issues.

Taking the floor, Ambassador CHRISTIDES thanked the host for her kind initiative to organize this briefing event, an initiative that is timely, pertinent and very useful for the BSEC Organization, which highly appreciates the opportunity to present its achievements and plans for the immediate future to a wide range of potentially interested partners.

After briefly describing the history and institutional structure of BSEC, Ambassador CHRISTIDES informed participants on the recent efforts to render the Organization more productive and project-oriented, efforts that are today bearing obvious fruits.

Ambassador CHRISTIDES ended his briefing by reiterating to the distinguished members of the audience the following two messages:

- With its long experience, its knowledge of the regional issues and its ability to motivate and influence more local stakeholders, the BSEC Organization has become a point of reference and the most trustworthy partner for the implementation of sustainable policies, new projects and good practises in the region.
- The EU and other international Organizations can take advantage of the above fact, because promoting EU programs or projects in the wider Black Sea region on a collective - multilateral basis is far more efficient and effective than doing so on a limited or bilateral scale.

From his part, the Head of the EU Mission in Ankara, Ambassador BERGER, reiterated his support in what concerns the promotion of the cooperation between the EU and BSEC, assuring that the members of his Mission in Ankara will continue to assist, when necessary, in order to bring relevant efforts to a successful conclusion.