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**PRESS RELEASE  
ON THE BRIDGE-BS GENERAL ASSEMBLY (GA)**

The BRIDGE-BS General Assembly (GA) took place on 27-29 September 2023 in Ankara.

As partner of the "BRIDGE-BS: Advancing Black Sea Research and Innovation to Co-Develop Blue Growth within Resilient Ecosystems" project consortium, the BSEC PERMIS was represented in the meeting by Ms. Rositsa STOEVA, Executive Manager in charge of project management.

GA took stock of the first two years of the project's implementation stage and mapped the next steps for better alignment.

Among the discussed topics were the establishment of the Virtual Blue Career Center in the Black Sea (VBCC) and the Ocean Literacy Network; launching of the Black Sea Accelerator (July 2023); Master Course on Blue Economy; a Summer Training on Science Communication for the Black Sea Young Ambassadors (BSYA) on 12-13 June 2023 in Istanbul, and many others.

Alongside insightful presentations related to the Work Packages implementation stage, there were also workshops on data collection, resilience, climate simulation scenarios and policy development.

It was decided that the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the High-Tech Summit for the Black Sea will be held in Bulgaria during the first semester of 2024, while the next GA meeting, on 27-28 September 2024 in Georgia.