

UNOPS and BSEC Sign Agreement to Accelerate Black Sea SDGs

The Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) and the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) signed a Partnership Agreement on May 9, 2024, in Vienna. This agreement establishes a framework for collaboration on achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) across the Black Sea region.

The agreement, signed by **H.E. Ambassador Lazăr COMĂNESCU, BSEC Secretary General**, and **Freya von GROOTE, UNOPS Austria Multi-Country Office Director**, outlines a number of concrete areas for future collaboration. Future engagements will result in increased awareness and support to innovative solutions that improve the environmental health of the Black Sea and that deliver socio-economic benefits for the region's populations.

This includes a potential project that aims to address environmental pollution through analytical work, regional project innovations and technical assistance support to local partners with a focus on Türkiye, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine.

Present at the ceremony was H.E. Ms. Venera Domi, BSEC Executive Manager, Ms. Nino Kajaia, BSEC Legal Advisor, H.E. Ms. Eglantina Gjermeni, PR Albania, H.E. Ms. Mihaela Mocanu, PR Moldova, H.E. Ms. Ketevan Tsikhelashvili, PR Georgia, H.E. Mr. Levent Eler, PR Türkiye, Mr. Sanjay Srivastava, World Bank, Practice Manager and Mr. Stephan SICARS, UNOPS Managing Director of the Environment and Energy Directorate.

More details here: <https://shorturl.at/twzR5>

