



PRESS RELEASE
ON THE FORTY-EIGHTH MEETING OF
THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (CMFA)

The Forty-eighth Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs (CMFA) of the BSEC Member States was held online, on 28 June 2024. H.E. Mr. Igli Hasani, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Albania and BSEC Chairman-in-Office, chaired the Meeting.

In his opening address, Minister Hasani highlighted the importance of BSEC Organization as the most comprehensive and inclusive one in the region as well as its most valuable contribution to the economic development and cooperation in the area.

An opening address was also delivered by BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu, whereby he briefly overviewed the activities of the Organization during the first semester of 2024 with focus on the most important achievements under the Albanian Chairmanship, particularly the establishment of a mechanism for the implementation of the revised BSEC Economic Agenda, the operationalization of the Project Development Fund, the signing of the Partnership Agreement with UNOPS, as well as the further enhancement of BSEC interaction with organizations such as UNECE and UN Tourism.

During the debates, the Ministers made statements on issues regarding the latest developments in the region and within the Organization. They expressed their high appreciation to the Republic of Albania for its successful Chairmanship-in-Office of BSEC.

The Council adopted several Resolutions, Decisions and Recommendations related to the topics discussed.

The Meeting was concluded with the transfer of the Chairmanship-in-Office of BSEC to the Republic of Armenia for the period of 1 July - 31 December 2024."