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3RD COORDINATION MEETING
BETWEEN THE BSEC PERMIS AND THE CEI-ES

The 3rd Coordination Meeting between the BSEC PERMIS and the Central European Initiative Executive Secretariat (CEI-ES) was held on 29 May 2023 in the BSEC HQs in Istanbul, Türkiye. The first two editions of this format were held in 2008 and 2009, respectfully.

For the first time this coordination meeting took place with the participation of BSEC and CEI Troikas (Moldova, Serbia and Republic of Türkiye, respectively Bulgaria, Moldova and Albania).

The overall objective of the meeting was to stimulate and facilitate exchanges of views on activities aimed at promoting regional dialogue and cooperation, as well as strengthening the project-oriented capacity of the two organizations in areas of common interest.

The focus was on issues related to energy, climate and environmental protection, culture, tourism and youth as well as project development and implementation. The importance of the cooperation with the European Union was also brought into discussion.

In his opening speech, the BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazăr COMĂNESCU, highlighted the importance BSEC attaches to the interaction and cooperation with CEI, the aims of which are similar or mutually reinforcing.

Both Secretariats agreed on strengthening their cooperation and synergies for the benefit of their respective Member States and the next meeting to be hosted by the CEI-ES in Trieste in autumn.