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PRESS RELEASE

**ON THE WORKSHOP FOR YOUNG DIPLOMATS FROM THE BSEC MEMBER STATES
ON “ENABLING SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMY IN THE BLACK SEA REGION”**

The seventh edition of the Workshop for Young Diplomats from the BSEC Member States, jointly organized by the BSEC PERMIS and the Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation Türkiye (KAS), was held in Sofia, on 3-5 July 2024. The topic of this edition was “*Enabling Sustainable Blue Economy in the wider Black Sea Region*”.

As in its previous editions, the Workshop proved to be a very good opportunity for the participants - future foreign policy decision shapers and or makers - to get comprehensive information about and familiarize with the activity of BSEC and the importance of regional cooperation in the Black Sea area. It also enabled the participants to meet and interact with their counterparts from other BSEC Member States.

Besides top representatives from BSEC PERMIS and KAS, speakers/moderators were also senior officials and high-level experts from the region and beyond as well as from the UN Tourism, Think Tanks and Academia.

In their opening speeches BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazăr COMĂNESCU and Mr. Walter GLOS, Director of KAS Türkiye, highlighted the particular value of events like this Workshop as a most efficient “investment” in the future as well as a vehicle for promoting the spirit of friendship and good neighborliness among young diplomats from the BSEC Member States.