

THE PLAN OF ACTION OF THE BSEC WORKING GROUP  
ON COOPERATION IN COMBATING CRIME,  
IN PARTICULAR IN ITS ORGANIZED FORMS  
(MAY 2009 – JUNE 2011)

The coordination of the BSEC Member States efforts with a view to valorize all cooperation opportunities offered by the BSEC, in particular by the Agreement among the Governments of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Participating States on Cooperation in Combating Crime, in particular in its Organized Forms, signed in Kerkyra, on October the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1998 (BSEC Agreement).

MAIN DIRECTIONS FOR ACTION:

A. Continuation of implementation of the provisions of the Additional Protocol to the BSEC Agreement, done in Kyiv on March the 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002

1. Inviting BSEC Member States that have not ratified the Additional Protocol to undertake all necessary steps to enforce it.
2. Organizing the Meetings of the BSEC Network of Liaison Officers.
  - *Responsible:* Country - Coordinator of the Working Group and the Chairmanships in Office of BSEC;
  - *Deadline:* Each semester, organizing back-to-back meetings of the Network and of the Working Group.

Note: Albania, Azerbaijan and Serbia did not appoint the Liaison Officers in the Network.

3. Elaboration of the Annual Assessment of the trends of transnational crime in the BSEC Region.
  - *Responsible:* Country - Coordinator of the Working Group and the Member States;
  - *Deadline:* Each February following the year to evaluate.

B. Continuation of implementation of the provisions of the Additional Protocol on Combating Terrorism to the BSEC Agreement, done in Athens on December the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004.

1. Inviting BSEC Member States that have not ratified the Additional Protocol to undertake all necessary steps to enforce it.
2. Organizing in Romania of a Seminar at expert level on "*Identifying the best practices in developing the cooperation instruments in the field of prevention and combating terrorism*".
  - *Responsible:* Romania – Romanian Intelligence Service;
  - *Deadline:* 2011, in coordination with the Calendars of Events of the Chairmanships in Office of BSEC.

C. Development of the cooperation with the international organizations

1. Monitoring of the implementation by the Member States of the *Regional BSEC Action Plan for Strengthening the Criminal Justice Response to Trafficking in Persons in the Black Sea Region*
  - *Responsible:* Member States and Country Coordinator of the Working Group;
  - *Date:* Permanent.
2. Valorize the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding between BSEC and IOM, signed in Bucharest, on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006, by supporting the new projects proposed by IOM could be implemented in the BSEC framework.
3. Examine the possibility to obtain the assistance from the European Commission for the elaboration and implementation of projects in the BSEC Member States in the fields of organized crime, corruption and terrorism prevention and control.
  - *Responsible:* BSEC Member States which are members of the European Union.

D. Examine the possibility of cooperation with other regional and international organizations

E. Preparing and organizing the Eighth Meeting of the Ministers of Interior/Public Order of the BSEC Member States

- *Responsible:* Country - Coordinator of the Working Group and the Chairmanship in Office of BSEC;
  - *Deadline:* 2011.
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