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REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE GREEN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

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1. The Meeting of the Green Energy Development Task Force was held in Istanbul, at the BSEC Headquarters, on 10 June 2013.
 2. The Meeting was chaired by Mrs. Ebru ÇAKMAK ÖZCAN, EU Expert, General Directorate of Foreign Relations and EU, Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources of the Republic of Turkey.
 3. The following BSEC Member States attended the Meeting:
 - Republic of Albania
 - Republic of Armenia
 - Republic of Bulgaria
 - Hellenic Republic
 - Romania
 - Republic of Turkey
 - Ukraine
 4. The following BSEC Related Body also participated in the Meeting:
 - International Center for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS)
 5. The following Guests attended the Meeting:
 - Energy Policy and Development Centre (KEPA), National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
 - Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
- The List of Participants is attached as Annex I.

6. The Draft Agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The Agenda, as adopted by the Task Force, is attached as Annex II.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS, DECISIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE FOLLOW-UP OF THE DECLARATIONS AND JOINT STATEMENT ADOPTED BY THE MEETING OF THE MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF ENERGY

7. The participants took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS in the context of this item.

THE WAY FORWARD FOR AN ACTION PLAN ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE “BSEC ECONOMIC AGENDA: TOWARDS AND ENHANCED BSEC PARTNERSHIP”

8. The Task Force subscribed to the themes approved by the Council in the document “The Way Forward for an Action Plan on the Implementation of the Economic Agenda; Towards an Enhanced BSEC Partnership” on which the Working Group on Energy should focus on in 2013-2015, in order to implement the goals set by the Economic Agenda.

EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON NATIONAL POLICIES OF THE MEMBER STATES IN THE FIELD OF GREEN ENERGY AND ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES HAVING REGIONAL IMPACT

9. The representatives of the Republic of Turkey, the Hellenic Republic and Romania presented information on national policies in the field of Green Energy and on the development of projects and initiatives having regional impact. The presentations of the Republic of Turkey and the Hellenic Republic are attached as Annex III.

DEVELOPMENT OF A GREEN ENERGY STRATEGY PAPER OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES

10. The participants exchanged views on this issue and took note that seven countries – the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Republic of Bulgaria, the Hellenic Republic, the Republic of Moldova, the Republic of Serbia and the Republic of Turkey – sent their answers to Questionnaire on the development of the Green Energy Strategy Paper prepared by the Republic of Turkey.

11. The participants also took note of the contribution made by the Energy Policy and Development Centre of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

12. The Task Force:
a) took note of the initiative of the Republic of Turkey, as one of the Country-Coordination of the Task Force, to elaborate, until 9 September 2013, a Draft of the Green Energy Strategy Paper envisaged by the “BSEC Economic Agenda Towards an Enhanced BSEC Partnership”, taking into account the answers received so far from the Member States to the relevant Questionnaire and the contributions of the BSEC Related Bodies and the institutions with which BSEC cooperates in the field;

- b) invited the Member States and the BSEC Related Bodies that had not yet done so to convey their answers to the Questionnaire as early as possible, and not later than 1 July 2013;
- c) agreed that the text of the Draft should incorporate, as appropriate, all the priority areas of action defined under Goal 4 *Sustainable Energy and Development of the Black Sea Energy Market*, of the “BSEC Economic Agenda Towards an Enhanced BSEC Partnership”;
- d) agreed that the text of the Draft will be submitted for information and comments in a Round Table, to be organized by the country-coordinators and BSEC PERMIS before the meeting of the Task Force in the second half of 2013, with the aim of getting inputs regarding the content of the Green Energy Strategy from:
 - i) - private and state sectors (industries, entrepreneurs) in the Member States;
 - ii) - scientific communities in the Member States;
 - iii) - international financial institutions and international organizations interested in promoting regional cooperation in the field of energy in the BSEC Region.
- e) will review and finalize the draft Green Energy Strategy at its meeting in the second half of 2013, in the light of the discussions at the Round Table, and will submit it to the Committee of Senior Officials for further consideration.

COOPERATION OF THE MEMBER STATES IN PROMOTING GREEN ENERGY INVESTMENTS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES, RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECTS

13. The participants took note of the proposal made by the Republic of Turkey for holding a BSEC Conference on Investment Promotion in Green Energy with the purpose to stimulate investments in the development of environmentally friendly energy technologies, renewable energy sources and Energy Efficiency projects. Additional information will be communicated, through the BSEC PERMIS, to the Member States.

CREATION OF A NETWORK OF COOPERATION BETWEEN NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES AND/OR CENTRES AND ORGANIZATIONS MANDATED TO PROMOTE RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY MEASURES AND POLICIES

14. The participants agreed that the creation of a Network of cooperation between national administrative bodies and/or centres and organizations mandated to promote renewable energy sources and energy efficiency measures and policies is substantial for exchanging information and for sharing know-how and good practices among the BSEC Member States.

15. The participants exchanged views on the modalities in which this Network will function in order to ensure an effective and prompt exchange of information and sharing experience and know-how.

16. The Task Force requested BSEC PERMIS to elaborate, in cooperation with the PROMITHEAS-4 Project Coordinator and taking into account the relevant experience of other international organizations and institutions, a Working Paper on the modalities, in which the Network will function, to be submitted at its next meeting.

17. They took note that eight Member States nominated experts on a permanent basis in the Task Force and called upon the Member States that had not yet done so to nominate their experts on Green Energy as soon as possible.

18. The participants agreed to invite experts from the BSEC Related Bodies, Observers and Sectoral Dialogue Partners, as well as from international organizations, institutions and NGOs to participate in this Network.

STRENGTHENING COOPERATION BETWEEN BSEC AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS IN THE FIELD OF GREEN ENERGY

19. The Task Force appreciated the information on the process of implementing the PROMITHEAS-4 project, entitled “Knowledge transfer and research needs for preparing mitigation/adaptation policy portfolios”, presented by the Project Coordinator, Prof. Dimitrios Mavrakis, Director of the Energy Policy and Development Centre (KEPA) of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. The presentation is attached as Annex IV.

20. The Task Force took note that:

- the drafts of the national reports elaborated during the current phase of the PROMITHEAS-4 Project on development and assessment of climate change mitigation/adaptation policy portfolios have been distributed through BSEC PERMIS to the Member States, the Related Bodies, the Observers, and the Sectoral Dialogue Partners;
- the national workshops/conferences on mitigation/adaptation policy portfolios of each BSEC Member State, organized under the auspices of BSEC during the Ukrainian Chairmanship-in-Office of BSEC;
- the governmental authorities and national stakeholders were invited to submit their comments and observations to the drafts of national reports, which will be taken into account in the elaboration of the final national reports;
- the final national reports and the conclusions of the PROMITHEAS-4 Project will be presented at the international Conference to be held in Athens, in October 2013, with the participation of policy makers, scientists and market stakeholders;
- measures for organizing an Autumn School (September 2013) for parliamentarians, high level decision makers and market stakeholders of the BSEC Member States, have been undertaken with the active involvement of the BSEC PERMIS.

21. The Task Force decided to submit to the Committee of Senior Officials the following draft decision to be approved by the BSEC Council:

“The Council:

a) took note of activities related to the implementation of the PROMITHEAS-4 project, entitled “Knowledge transfer and research needs for preparing mitigation/adaptation policy portfolios”, and in particular the initiative of holding an Autumn School under the title “Greening the BSEC Countries” (Corfu, Greece, 9-13 September 2013), which will bring together Policy makers from the BSEC governments, market stakeholders from the BSEC Member States involved in green energy activities and representatives from banks and international or national organizations involved in green energy activities;

b) requests the Member States to consider the participation of at least three representatives – of Parliament, of the Government and of the business community in green energy – interested to attend the “Autumn School”;

c) invites the Black Sea Trade and Development Bank (BSTDB) to participate in the process of organizing the “Autumn School” and to consider the possibilities of supporting financially the participation of representatives from the Member States;

d) invites the BSEC Business Council to participate in this event;

e) instructs the BSEC PERMIS to cooperate with the Energy Policy and Development Center (KEPA) within the PROMITHEAS Network with the aim to identify the additional national and international sources to support financially the participation of representatives from the BSEC Member States.”

22. The Task Force further agreed:

a) to invite the Member States to continue to exchange information through BSEC PERMIS on the international events in their respective countries relevant to the cooperation in the BSEC framework in the field of green energy;

b) to request the BSEC PERMIS to continue and enhance cooperation between the BSEC Organization and other international organizations and institutions in conformity with the Terms of Reference of the Task Force.

BSEC PROJECT DEVELOPMENT FUND AND THE BSEC HELLENIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: PROJECT APPLICATIONS IN THE FIELD OF GREEN ENERGY

23. The participants of the Task Force took note of the information on the activities of the BSEC Hellenic Development Fund (BSEC-HDF) presented by the BSEC-HDF Manager. In line with the respective Resolution of the BSEC Council (Istanbul, 15 December 2012) the Task Force took note of the accomplishments of the BSEC-HDF project on “***Green Cluster of Knowledge Institutions of Black Sea: A Roadmap on Renewable Energy Sources and Energy Efficiency for Research and Academic Institutions***” presented by the International Center for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS), as a lead partner. The project deliverable entitled “*Roadmap for awareness and implementation of Energy Efficiency and use of RES schemes*” and the members list of the Green Cluster are attached as Annex V and Annex VI, respectively.

24. Furthermore, the participants of the Task Force took note that within the framework of the activities of the ongoing BSEC-HDF project entitled “*TESUWKERC-Technological Systems based on the utilization of water kinetical energy for rural consumers*” an international Workshop will be organized in Chisinau in September on “Hydropower Serving Rural Consumer”, organized by the Technical University of Moldova and the University “Stefan cel Mare” in Suceava, Romania. The draft program of the said Workshop is attached as Annex VII.

25. In addition, the Task Force took note of the presentations given for the projects:

1) “***Greening Public Buildings in Azerbaijan: Promotion of Energy Efficiency Materials and Technologies***” presented by the Lead Partner, the Center for Renewable Energy Sources & Saving (CRES, Greece). The presentation is attached as Annex VIII.

2) “***EESS-Energy Efficiency for a Smart School***”, implemented in a public school in Istanbul and presented by the BSEC-HDF Manager. The information on the Project in the CD format was disseminated to the participants. A short version of the Final Report of the Project is attached as Annex IX.

26. The Task Force took positive note of the projects and invited the relevant authorities in the Member States to examine/consider the accomplishments of the BSEC-HDF projects with the view to facilitate the promotion of best practice with practical examples of energy efficient

models for sustainable infrastructure and, thus, enhance cooperation in the field of renewable energy.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BSEC PUBLIC COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

27. The participants took note of information provided by the BSEC PERMIS regarding the newly adopted BSEC Public Communication Strategy.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

28. No issue was raised under this agenda item.

DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

29. The date and venue of the next meeting of the Task Force will be communicated to the Member States through BSEC PERMIS.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

30. The participants adopted the present Report for its submission to the BSEC Working Group on Energy, Committee of Senior Officials and the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs for their consideration.
