

**TERMS OF REFERENCE  
OF THE BSEC WORKING GROUP ON ENERGY**

Pursuant to Article 4 and 12 of the BSEC Charter, the Working Group on Energy is a BSEC Subsidiary Organ and shall carry out its activities in accordance with the following Terms of Reference (\*):

**SPECIFIC PROVISIONS**

**1. PURPOSES/GENERAL OBJECTIVES:**

The purposes/general objectives of the Working Group are:

- a) Enhancing cooperation among the BSEC Member States in the energy sector, including the elaboration of common approaches and projects, where possible.
- b) Elaborating and adopting the necessary regulatory framework for the possible creation of an integrated Black Sea energy market, with due consideration to relevant BSEC documents on energy issues and national priorities of the BSEC Member States.
- c) Achieving efficiency and safety in the use and transport of energy resources through closer cooperation and coordination between energy producers and consumers of the BSEC Region.
- d) Developing a competitive regional energy market through supporting investments in energy infrastructure, with the view to increase energy security, interconnectivity and further diversify energy sources and routes.
- e) Taking gradual steps to materialize the vision of transforming the BSEC Region into a model for clean energy by the year 2050.
- f) Encouraging cooperation among the Member States to define a Green Energy Strategy with the view to promote renewable energy sources, clean technologies and energy efficiency.
- g) Further promoting the development of electricity interconnections projects of the BSEC Member States.
- h) Enhancing further cooperation with the UN, EU, CES, IEA and other relevant international organizations and institutions in the field of energy.
- i) Exchange of experience and best practices, including through the organization of joint educational programmes among the energy authorities in the BSEC Member States.

**2. MANDATE/TASKS:**

The mandate of the Working Group is to:

- a) carry out the tasks defined by the Council in this ToR, as well as in the other resolutions, decisions and recommendations of the Council related to its activities;
- b) draw up cooperation projects and joint projects as well as pursue implementation of such projects/activities in the area of its competence;
- c) approve the priority areas for PDF funding and the projects within the BSEC Project Management Unit in the field of energy;

- d) consider reports of its subordinated bodies and decide accordingly;
- e) submit to the Committee of Senior Officials reports on the progress of its activities, final documents, as well as other relevant recommendations.

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(\* ) The “General Provisions” of this ToR, valid for all Working Groups, are attached.

### **3. SUBORDINATED BODIES AND RELEVANT EVENTS:**

3.1 The subordinated bodies are

- a) Task Force on Green Energy Development

3.2 The final documents (reports, conclusions, recommendations, summary of the proceedings etc) of the other BSEC events (seminars, workshops, symposia, conferences) shall be submitted for consideration and approval to the Working Group on Energy and the CSO.