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REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE GREEN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

BSEC Headquarters, 7 April 2014

- 1. The Meeting of the Green Energy Development Task Force was held at the BSEC Headquarters, on 7 April 2014.
- 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 Armenia Republic of Azerbaijan Republic of Bulgaria Hellenic Republic Romania Russian Federation Republic of Turkey Ukraine

4. The following BSEC Related Bodies also participated in the Meeting:

BSEC Business Council (BSEC BC) International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS)

5. The following BSEC Observers attended the Meeting:

Republic of Austria Republic of Italy 6. The following Sectoral Dialogue Partner also participated in the Meeting:

Black Sea Universities Network (BSUN)

7. The following Guest attended the Meeting:

Energy Policy and Development Centre (KEPA), National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

The List of Participants is attached as Annex I.

8. 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

9. 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"

- 10. The Task Force took note of the proposals made by the Hellenic Republic in developing projects in line with the Economic Agenda 2012 and of the Project Proposal Template elaborated by the BSEC PERMIS, and agreed:
 - a) to invite the Member States to present their project proposals aimed at implementing the priority goals of the Economic Agenda 2012, in filling up the Template elaborated by the BSEC PERMIS;
 - b) to bring the Project Proposals to the attention of all the Member States, through the BSEC PERMIS, and invite interested Member States to join as co-proponents;
 - c) to discuss all the Project Proposals made by the Member States at its next meeting and select the Project Proposals of regional interest to be further promoted by the proponent Member States and the BSEC PERMIS with potential financial donors.

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

- 11. Professor Edoardo CROCI, from the Bocconi University of Italy, made a presentation regarding "The Integration of Renewable, Energy Efficiency and Climate Policies at Different Levels of Government", which is attached as <u>Annex III.</u>
- 12. Professor Dimitrios MAVRAKIS, Director of the Energy Policy and Development Centre (KEPA) of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, emphasized the importance of

involving market stakeholders and financial institutions in developing green energy projects having regional impact.

- 13. Professor Eden MAMUT, Secretary General of the Black Sea Universities Network (BSUN) expressed the view that the cooperation at the level of national policies should also take into account the aspects related to education of human resources in the field of green energy, the promotion of Life Cycle Thinking, including consideration of the environmental impact during the entire lifecycle of the products and services, and the social inclusion dimension of the Renewable Energy Sources (RES) projects.
- 14. Professor MAMUT further informed that BSUN, in partnership with the United Nations under the UN Academic Impact Initiative has been involved in the development of a regional Master Degree Program on the Management of Renewable Energy Sources.
- 15. The relevant presentation by BSUN is attached as <u>Annex IV</u>.
- 16. The participants exchanged views on the presentations made.

<u>DEVELOPMENT OF A GREEN ENERGY STRATEGY PAPER OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES</u>

17. The Task Force considered the proposals made by the Hellenic Republic regarding the content of the Draft Green Energy Strategy Paper, elaborated by the Republic of Turkey. The representatives of the Republic of Armenia and KEPA made also proposals regarding the text of the Draft Green Energy Strategy Paper. The draft Paper reflecting these proposals is attached as Annex V.

18. The Task Force:

- a) invited the Member States to make further possible contributions to the Draft Green Energy Strategy Paper elaborated by the Republic of Turkey, as soon as possible, and not later than 1 September 2014;
- b) instructed the BSEC PERMIS to elaborate a revised Draft Green Energy Strategy Paper, based on the views, comments and proposals made by the Member States, and submit it for consideration at its next meeting.

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

- 19. The participants exchanged views on activities that could be undertaken with the purpose to stimulate investments in the development of environmentally friendly energy technologies, Renewable Energy Sources and Energy Efficiency projects.
- 20. The representative of BSUN informed that BSUN contacted the Chamber of Commerce of Romania and proposed the organization of a Fair Dedicated to Green Economy. It is proposed to have the Fair as an itinerary event within the region, including brokerage events, conferences and other similar components.

21. The representative of KEPA noticed that the constructive involvement of the BSEC Business Council (BSEC BC) and the Black Sea Trade and Development Bank (BSTDB) in the Green Energy Development Task Force activities would be welcome.

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

- 22. The Task Force exchanged views on the Working Paper on the Modalities in which the Network of cooperation between centres and national administrative bodies and/or organisations is mandated to promote renewable energy sources and energy efficiency measures and policies elaborated by the Energy Policy and Development Centre (KEPA), in cooperation with BSEC PERMIS.
- 23. It was agreed to continue discussion on the issue at the next meeting of the Task Force.

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

24. The Task Force took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS.

HOW TO INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE WORK OF THE TASK FORCE? - OBSERVATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

- 25. The Task Force took note of the initiatives of the BSEC PERMIS to increase the efficiency of the subsidiary bodies of BSEC.
- 26. The Task Force invited the Member States to update information regarding their focal points for the Green Energy Development Task Force. The List of Focal Points as of the present meeting is attached as Annex VI.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

27. The Delegation of the Republic of Turkey provided information about the recent developments in the renewable energy, in particular the elaboration of wind, solar, biomass, hydro and geothermal mapping of Turkey.

DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

28. 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

29. 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.
