



ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION

**Permanent International Secretariat**

Sakıp Sabancı Cad., Müşir Fuad Paşa Yalısı, Eski Tersane, 34460 İstinye – İstanbul/Turkey

Tel: ++90 212 2296330-35 Fax: ++90 212 2296336

E-mail: [bsec@tnn.net](mailto:bsec@tnn.net) / [bsec1@tnn.net](mailto:bsec1@tnn.net) / [info@bsec-organization.org](mailto:info@bsec-organization.org)

[www.bsec-organization.org](http://www.bsec-organization.org)

---

**BS/C/WG/R(2011)1**

**REPORT OF THE MEETING  
OF THE BSEC WORKING GROUP ON CULTURE**

**Bucharest, 19 November 2011**

1. The Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Culture was held in Bucharest, on 19 November 2011.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Professor Mrs. Delia MUCICA, Coordinator of Copyright and Creativity Policies in the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage of Romania.
3. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the following BSEC Member States:

Republic of Albania  
Republic of Armenia  
Republic of Azerbaijan  
Republic of Bulgaria  
Hellenic Republic  
Republic of Moldova  
Romania  
Russian Federation  
Republic of Turkey

4. The List of Participants is attached as **Annex I** to the present Report.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

5. The Draft Agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The Agenda, as adopted, is attached as **Annex II**.

## **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS, DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNCIL AND THE FOLLOW-UP OF THE DECLARATIONS AND JOINT STATEMENTS ADOPTED BY THE MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR CULTURE: DISCUSSION AND ASSESSMENT**

6. The representative of the BSEC PERMIS informed on the ways and dynamics of the implementation of the Resolution of the 15<sup>th</sup> BSEC Council (Moscow, 1 November 2006) since the last Meeting of the Working Group on Culture (Istanbul, 29 September 2010).

7. The participants acknowledged the information on the issue provided by the BSEC PERMIS and expressed their willingness to proceed with necessary steps needed to secure the dynamics of the implementation of the Resolutions, Decisions and Recommendations of the Council and the Declarations and the Statement of the Ministers responsible for Culture.

8. The representatives of the Republic of Bulgaria, the Hellenic Republic and Romania suggested that the issue of cultural routes should be considered either in the Working Group on Culture or in the Joint Meeting of the BSEC Working Groups on Cooperation in Tourism and on Culture in order to ensure the integrated approach and to maximize effectiveness.

9. The Working Group requested the BSEC PERMIS to prepare a progress report on the planning and implementation of the cultural routes projects, to be considered at the next Meeting of the Group.

## **DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION OF THE PLAN OF ACTION OF THE WORKING GROUP FOR 2011-2012**

10. The representative of Romania in his capacity of the Country-Coordinator of the Working Group introduced the Revised Draft Plan of Action of the Working Group on Culture for 2011-2012 and explained its main objectives.

11. The Working Group discussed, amended and adopted the Plan of Action of the Working Group on Culture for 2011-2012. The Plan of Action is attached as **Annex III**.

## **CULTURAL HERITAGE: EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON INVENTORY DATA, CONSERVATION AND OVERALL MONITORING OF THE CULTURAL ASSETS**

12. The Working Group continued the discussion on the importance of the preservation of cultural assets.

13. The Director General of the National Heritage Institute of Romania informed on the work of the Institute regarding the protection and inventory of the cultural heritage in Romania.

14. The General Manager of the National Museum of the Romanian Peasant, President of International Council of Museums of Romania, informed on the activities regarding the preservation of movable and intangible cultural heritage and the international cooperation of Romania in this field.

15. The representative of the Republic of Bulgaria proposed to exchange good practices on the management and preservation of cultural heritage through the organization of

presentations, seminars and workshops in the BSEC Member States. She also suggested that such information can be shared through the web-site to be established for that purpose.

16. The representative of the Republic of Moldova proposed to make a documentary film on the projects on the preservation of cultural heritage.

17. Following the request from the last Meeting of the Working Group, the representative of the BSEC PERMIS made a detailed explanation of the Non-Paper on the modalities for the creation of an electronic newspaper on culture, prepared by the BSEC PERMIS and circulated to the BSEC Member State prior to the Meeting.

18. The participants discussed various options for the creation of the said newspaper and identified alternatives, such as web-site, blog, interactive platform, shared workplace, etc.

19. The Working Group acknowledged proposal by Romania to prepare a concept paper for further discussion on the issue with a view to reaching the final decision at its next Meeting.

#### **STRENGTHENING AND BOLSTERING THE CULTURAL COOPERATION AND CONTACTS BETWEEN THE BSEC MEMBER STATES, ENCOURAGING CREATIVITY AND STIMULATING INNOVATION AND, CONSEQUENTLY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

20. Upon the request of the representative of Romania, the Working Group decided to defer consideration of this issue to its next Meeting.

#### **COOPERATION WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS**

21. The representative of the Republic of Bulgaria informed on the cooperation with the Council of Europe and the European Commission program on cultural and natural heritage of the South-East Europe aimed at providing the technical assistance to the countries of that region.

22. The representative of the Hellenic Republic informed that the European Translation Center will present a web-page by the end of 2011 aiming at promoting the mobility of authors, translators and book professionals. The creation and activation of the sub-domains of the participating countries will be dealt with by the National coordinators.

23. The Working Group took note of the information provided by the representative of the BSEC PERMIS concerning the ongoing cooperation between the BSEC and other international and regional organizations.

24. The representative of Romania suggested that the UNDP should be added to the list of international organizations and agencies of importance for cooperation in the field of culture, in particular with respect to the ongoing work concerning cultural and creative industries.

#### **PROJECT DEVELOPMENT FUND**

25. The participants took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS representative on the New PDF Manual of Operation – Project Priorities.

26. Following the explanation from the representative of the Republic of Armenia that no additional financial resources over 30,000 Euros will be needed from the BSEC PDF, the Working Group concluded that the Project Application “Literary Ark: Ten Years Later”, submitted by partners from the Republic of Armenia (Lead Partner), Republic of Bulgaria and the Russian Federation, has been elaborated and submitted in conformity with the key priority areas of the Plan of Action of the BSEC Working Group of Culture.

27. In conformity with the Manual of Operations of the BSEC Project Development Fund (PDF), the Working Group considered, assessed and approved the said PDF Project and forwarded it for consideration to the BSEC Committee of Senior Officials. The Project is attached as **Annex IV**.

28. The representative of the Republic of Armenia informed the above mentioned PDF project will be part of the Program “Yerevan – World Book Capital 2012 – 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Armenian Printing”.

29. The Working Group on Culture discussed and agreed on the following priorities to be funded from the PDF:

- cultural routes;
- intangible heritage;
- cultural and creative industries.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

30. Upon the request of the representative of the Hellenic Republic, the representative of Romania informed on the documentary film festival “Heritage values reflected in the National cinematographies of the Countries in the Black Sea region” that was held in Bucharest in November 2011.

31. Several representatives of the BSEC Member States acknowledged the importance of this event and considered that it should be continued.

#### **EXPRESSION OF THANKS**

32. The participants expressed their gratitude to the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage of Romania for the excellent organization of the Meeting and the hospitality extended to them in Bucharest.

#### **ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEETING**

33. The Working Group on Culture adopted the present Report and submitted it for consideration to the Meeting of the Committee of Senior Officials of the BSEC Member States, to be held in Moscow, on 14-15 December 2011.

---