

**WORK PROGRAM / PLAN OF ACTION
OF THE BSEC WORKING GROUP ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
PROPOSED BY ROMANIA (2014-2015)**

1. Meeting of the Working Group on Environmental Protection.
2. Regularly exchange of information on the new developments in the environmental legislation and the progress towards protecting the environment, respecting the international laws and agreements.
3. Development and implementation of a specific project in order to establish an information exchange mechanism for environmental protection
4. Development of the specific actions intended to the support the implementation of the economic agenda in the BSEC region
5. Design a joint environmental project for the implementation of UNECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development and the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development
6. Organizing a workshop concerning integration of environmental protection and biological diversity into the economic and social policies of the BSEC Member States.
7. Elaboration of a proposal for the developing an Ecotourism Network in the BSEC Region in coordination with the BSEC Working Group on Cooperation in Tourism.
8. Initiation of joint projects of regional relevance to be supported by the PDF and/or promoted in the framework of an **equitable, mutually beneficial** BSEC-EU interaction and supported through EU financial instruments and programs (consideration during WG Meetings of the Project proposals to be submitted by the BSEC MS). PERMIS will invite the donor organizations at the meeting to support the relevant joint projects on the protection of the Black Sea ecosystem.
9. Strengthening the cooperation with the BSEC Member States in environmental risk management both on land and sea

10. Adoption of the BSEC Climate Change Adaptation Strategy for the BSEC Region and development of the joint actions towards its implementation, particularly related to the adaptation and mitigation measures
11. Developments of a regional projects and workshops on climate change in order to raise awareness about climate change.
12. Promotion of the active dialogue with other international organizations including with European Commission, regional cooperation initiatives and programs in the field of environment.
13. Organization of the joint Meetings BSEC – BSC (The Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea against Pollution) in order to strengthen practical cooperation.
14. Organization of two workshops concerning “The use of the economic instruments in the implementation of the environmental policies” and “Reaching the Millennium Development Goals for water and sanitation in the BSEC Region”.
15. Raising the cooperation (with organization of joint meetings or inviting to the WG annual meetings) with other relevant Working Groups in BSEC, such as the Working Group on Energy, the Working Group on Cooperation in Emergency Assistance, and Green Energy Task Force as well as the Working Groups of the Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea against Pollution.