



ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION
Permanent International Secretariat
Istanbul / Turkey

Fax: (+90212) 2296336 E-mail: info@bsec-organization.org www.bsec-organization.org

PRESS RELEASE ON
THE PARTICIPATION OF BSEC TO THE BLACK SEA NGO FORUM

BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Michael B. CHRISTIDES participated as Guest Speaker at the Plenary Session of the 8th edition of the Black Sea NGO Forum held in Tbilisi, Georgia, on 2-3 November 2015.

The Forum was organized by the Romanian NGO Platform (FOND), with the support of the European Commission and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania, in partnership with the UNDP Regional Centre for Europe and Central Asia and CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness – CPDE.

Secretary General CHRISTIDES had the opportunity to present to a wide audience of young representatives of many NGOs from States in the wider Black Sea region the activities of BSEC and its Related Bodies in fields of mutual interest. He underlined the importance that the BSEC Permanent International Secretariat attaches to the involvement of civil society in many of the projects BSEC is promoting.

Ambassador CHRISTIDES briefly elaborated on the experience, the established networking and the institutional mechanisms already in place that BSEC could offer in its endeavor to involve NGOs in its activities and called upon all interested to consider BSEC as a potential partner in their future plans for the region, since by now the Organization has accumulated precious experience and know-how in many fields.

On the sidelines of the Forum, the Secretary General discussed with the organizers of the Forum as well as with representatives of NGOs from several States in the Black Sea region on how to establish closer contacts and possible synergies with BSEC. It was agreed that an early exchange of proposals concerning the respective sectors of interest would facilitate the establishment of the necessary first contact.