



## ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION

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#### **PRESS RELEASE ON THE VISIT OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION OF THE BAHÇEŞEHİR UNIVERSITY (ISTANBUL) TO THE BSEC PERMIS HEADQUARTERS (Istanbul, 28 February 2018)**

A group of undergraduate students from the Department of International Trade and Business Administration of the Bahçeşehir University (Istanbul), accompanied by Dr. Byron MATARANGAS, paid an information visit to the premises of the BSEC PERMIS on 28 February 2018; they were received by the Secretary General of the BSEC PERMIS, Ambassador Michael B. CHRISTIDES and BSEC PERMIS Staff members.

The latter delivered a number of presentations informing their guests on the history, the legal basis and functioning, the current and future activities of the BSEC Organization by making a special emphasis on trade and economic development, as well as on BSEC's relations with other regional and international organizations.

After the presentations a question and answer session was held, during which various questions from the participants on the role and mission of the Organization, as well as on energy and trade issues raised by the students were thoroughly answered by the Secretary General and BSEC PERMIS staff members, underlining the "economic" identity of BSEC.

In conclusion, Ambassador Christides underlined the usefulness of such visits for both sides and reiterated the willingness of the Secretariat to continue hosting similar events for students in the future.