



**PRESS RELEASE ON
THE VISIT OF STUDENTS FROM THE SUMMER SCHOOL OF YEDITEPE UNIVERSITY
TO THE BSEC PERMIS HEADQUARTERS
(Istanbul, 9 July 2018)**

A group of students from the summer school on *“Modern Integration Processes: European Integration and Rivalry between Regional Integration Systems in the South Caucasus”* organized by the Network for Developing European Studies in the Caucasus and hosted by Yeditepe University, visited BSEC premises on Monday 9 July 2018. The students were headed by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mukhtar HAJIZADA, Fulbright Fellow, Davis Center at Harvard University Jean Monnet Chair. The group was 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, 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 on the role and mission of the Organization 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.