

**WORK PROGRAM / PLAN OF ACTION  
OF THE BSEC WORKING GROUP ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
PROPOSED BY TURKEY (2012-2013)**

1. Meeting of the Working Group on Environmental Protection (Istanbul, May 2013).
2. Organization of a Workshop in order to support of the BSEC Member States related with determination and preparation implementing principles on environmental priorities.
3. Organization of two Workshops namely 'Workshop on Municipal Solid Waste Management Practices in the BSEC Region' and 'Workshop on Water and Wastewater Treatment Practices in the BSEC Region'.
4. 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.
5. Organization of a round table with NGO's in order to discuss outcomes of Rio + 20 Summit.
6. Sustain the development of regional environmental cooperation in intersectoral and thematic areas such as biodiversity, waste management, urban management, integrated coastal zone management, marine environment and water protection.
7. Promoting integration of environmental protection and biological diversity into the economic and social policies of the BSEC Member States.
8. Exchange information and experiences among the BSEC Member States in the scopes of the marine and coastal management, climate variability and waste water treatment technologies.
9. Initiation of joint projects of regional relevance to be supported by the PDF and/or promoted in the framework of an enhanced 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.
10. Preparation of the Meeting of Environmental Ministers of the BSEC Member States, which will assess the progress achieved in the implementation of the Action Plan and adopt new objectives and priorities to enhance the BSEC cooperation in the field of environmental protection (date and venue to be established by the next BSEC Chairmanships-in-Office in 2013).

11. Strengthening the cooperation with the BSEC Member States in pollution emergency response and preparedness pollution from the marine activities.
12. Developments of a regional projects and workshops on climate change in order to raise awareness about climate change.
13. Exchange of experiences among the BSEC Member States in the scope of national policies related to mitigation and adaptation to climate change such as preparation, implementation and monitoring process of National Climate Change Strategy and National Climate Change Action Plan.
14. Promotion of the active dialogue with other international organizations especially with European Commission, regional cooperation initiatives and programs in the field of environment.
15. Organization of the joint Meetings BSEC – BSC (The Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea against Pollution) in order to strengthen practical cooperation.
16. 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.