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BSEC brings a great cooperation to Black Sea region, minister says

Turkish State Minister Cevdet Yılmaz said that the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) has brought a great cooperation in the region and has become an international platform for the energy sector.

Yılmaz attended the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs meeting of BSEC in Thessaloniki, Greece.

Delivering a speech in the meeting, Yılmaz said that Turkey committed that the country would work hard for BSEC to reach its goals put forth in its regulation.

Regarding climate change, Yılmaz said that Black Sea was one of the regions which were sensitive to climate change.

"We should do what we can on the matter. A common attitude by BSEC on the issue will make a great contribution to fight against climate change and strengthen its international role," he said.

Greek Foreign Minister Dimitris Droutsas said in the meeting that Greece worked really hard for BSEC during its rotating presidency.

Droutsas said that he was glad that his proposal on preparation of a joint declaration for climate change was welcomed by member countries.

The joint declaration issued at the end of the meeting was signed by the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of BSEC.

The declaration said that BSEC countries agreed that they would give priority to environment-friendly development projects. The joint declaration will be submitted to the UN Climate Conference to be held in Mexico in December.

Romania took over the rotating presidency of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of BSEC from Greece at the end of the meeting.

State Minister Yılmaz is expected to leave for Turkey this evening.