

**BSEC CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
BULGARIAN CHAIRMANSHIP-IN-OFFICE  
(JANUARY – JUNE 2019)**

<b>COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF BSEC (CMFA)</b>		
<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Venue</i>
Meeting of the BSEC Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs	June	Sofia
<b>MINISTERIAL AND OTHER HIGH-LEVEL SECTORAL MEETINGS</b>		
<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Venue</i>
Meeting of the Ministers in charge of Culture	May (TBC)	Plovdiv
Informal Meeting of the Ministers in charge of Transport	22 May	Leipzig
Ministerial Meeting on BSEC-EU Cooperation	18 June (TBC)	Brussels
<b>COMMITTEE OF SENIOR OFFICIALS OF BSEC</b>		
<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Venue</i>
Meeting of the BSEC TROIKA, BSEC Related Bodies and BSEC PERMIS	22 January	BSEC HQ
Coordination Meeting of the BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office, BSEC Committee of Senior Officials, BSEC Related Bodies and BSEC PERMIS	22 January	BSEC HQ
Meeting of the BSEC Committee of Senior Officials	17-18 April	BSEC HQ
Meeting of the BSEC Committee of Senior Officials	June	Sofia
<b>MEETINGS OF THE SUBSIDIARY ORGANS OF BSEC</b>		
<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Venue</i>
Working Group on Organizational Matters (1)	March	BSEC HQ
Working Group on Budgetary and Financial Issues	27-28 March	BSEC HQ
Working Group on Cooperation in Science and Technology	4 April	BSEC HQ
Working Group on Culture	13 May	BSEC HQ
Joint Meeting of the WG on Culture and WG on Cooperation in Tourism	14 May	BSEC HQ
Working Group on Cooperation in Tourism	15 May	BSEC HQ
Ad Hoc Working Group on Experts in Seismic Risk	March-May (TBD)	BSEC HQ
Ad Hoc Working Group on BSEC–EU Interaction (back-to-back with the Meeting of the BSEC CSO)	19 April (half day)	BSEC HQ
Working Group on SMEs	28 May	BSEC HQ

Working Group on Banking and Finance	(TBD)	BSEC HQ
Working Group on Institutional Renewal and Good Governance	(TBD)	BSEC HQ
Working Group on Organizational Matters (2) - if necessary	(TBD)	BSEC HQ
<b>MEETINGS OF STEERING COMMITTEES, TASK FORCES AND OTHER SIMILAR EVENTS</b>		
<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Venue</i>
Steering Committee on the Development of the Black Sea Ring Highway (back-to-back with the meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Development of the Motorways of the Sea in the BSEC Region)	25 March	BSEC HQ
Ad Hoc Working Group on Development of the Motorways of the Sea in the BSEC Region	26 March	BSEC HQ
Meeting of Experts of Interested Member States for considering the Draft Memorandum of Understanding on the Development of Multimodal Ferry and Passenger Lines in the Black Sea Region	16 April	BSEC HQ
Task Force on Intermodal Transportation <i>* proposed by the Turkish MFA</i>	May	Sofia
<b>INFORMAL BSEC COORDINATION MEETINGS AND OTHER SIMILAR EVENTS</b>		
<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Venue</i>
Orientation Meeting for the Country-Coordinators of the BSEC Subsidiary Organs	(TBD)	BSEC HQ
Coordination Meeting of the BSEC Communication Officers for the Implementation of the BSEC Public Communication Strategy	(TBD)	BSEC HQ
<b>PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION (PABSEC)</b>		
<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Venue</i>
52 <sup>nd</sup> Cultural, Educational and Social Affairs Committee Meeting	10-11 April	Yerevan (TBC)
53 <sup>rd</sup> Legal and Political Affairs Committee Meeting	15-16 May	Batumi
52 <sup>nd</sup> Economic, Commercial, Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee Meeting	22-23 May	Chisinau
60 <sup>th</sup> Bureau Meeting	17 June (TBC)	Baku
53 <sup>rd</sup> Standing Committee Meeting	17 June (TBC)	Baku
53 <sup>rd</sup> Plenary Session of the General Assembly	18-19 June (TBC)	Baku

<b>BSEC BUSINESS COUNCIL (BSEC BC)</b>		
<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Venue</i>
Presentation of the priorities and programme of the Bulgarian Chairmanship – in – office (01.01.2019–30.06.2019)	31 January	Sofia, BCCI
Joint event with BSEC countries and partners from MOVECO project	March – May	Sofia, BCCI
60 <sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors	6 -7 June	Sofia
<b>BLACK SEA TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BANK (BSTDB)</b>		
<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Venue</i>
122 <sup>nd</sup> Board of Directors Meeting	8 February	Thessaloniki
13 <sup>th</sup> Special Board of Governors Meeting (closed event to approve the Bank's strategy for 2019-2022)	9 February	Thessaloniki
123 <sup>rd</sup> Board of Directors meeting	19-20 April	Thessaloniki
124 <sup>th</sup> Board of Directors meeting	15 June	Istanbul
21 <sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors Meeting	16 June	Istanbul
Business Forum	17 June	Istanbul
<b>INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR BLACK SEA STUDIES (ICBSS)</b>		
<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Venue</i>
10 <sup>th</sup> International Black Sea Symposium " <i>The Black Sea – Silk Road corridor; Building bridges of cooperation</i> "	7-8 March	Athens
47 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ICBSS Board of Directors	(TBD)	Athens
<b>OTHER EVENTS (for participation of interested Member States)</b>		
Meeting of experts in the field of culture and cultural heritage	February	Sofia
22 <sup>nd</sup> Eurasian Economic Summit, organized by the Marmara Group Foundation	6-7 February	Istanbul
Training for Risk Analysis and Search Techniques at Airports (Organized by the Narcotic Training Academy of the Directorate General of Security of the Republic of Turkey) * proposed by the Turkish MFA	11-15 February	(TBD)
Training for Synthetics and Fight Against Clandestine Laboratories (Organized by the Narcotic Training Academy of the Directorate General of Security of the Republic of Turkey) * proposed by the Turkish MFA	18-22 February	(TBD)
UNECE 81 <sup>st</sup> Inland Transport Committee session	19-22 February	Geneva
4 <sup>th</sup> UNWTO Euro-Asian Mountain Tourism Conference	2-5 March	Berchtesgaden
Training for Counter-Narcotic Crimes Investigation (Organized by the Narcotic Training Academy of the Directorate General of Security of the Republic of Turkey) * proposed by the Turkish MFA	11-15 March	(TBD)

Training for Risk Analysis and Search Techniques (Organized by the Narcotic Training Academy of the Directorate General of Security of the Republic of Turkey) * proposed by the Turkish MFA	18-22 March	(TBD)
8 <sup>th</sup> Meeting for Developing a Blue Growth Initiative for Research and Innovation in the Black Sea	18 March	BSEC HQs
14 <sup>th</sup> Winter School on Diplomacy	18-22 March	Sandanski
Black Sea Blue Growth Regional Stakeholders Seminar	19 March	Istanbul
6 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Steering Group of the "Facility for Blue Growth in the Black Sea"	20 March	BSEC HQs
Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the UNECE Region	21-22 March	Geneva
10 <sup>th</sup> Energy Efficiency Forum and Fair * proposed by the Turkish MFA	28-29 March	Istanbul
International Conference on "Inter-basin Cooperation on Marine Litter; A focus on the Danube River and the Black Sea (ICML)", co-organized with ICBSS	4 April	Sofia
Training for Drug Types, Current Routes and Trends (Organized by the Narcotic Training Academy of the Directorate General of Security of the Republic of Turkey) * proposed by the Turkish MFA	8-12 April	(TBD)
Balkans & Black Sea Cooperation 2019	10-12 April	Athens
15 <sup>th</sup> South-East European Conference & Exhibition on Energy Efficiency & Green Energy, Smart Cities, Environment	16-18 April	Sofia
Workshop on "SME Support Model in the Field of Medium High-High Technology Products which have Added Value" (back-to-back with the Meeting of the Working Group on SMEs)	27 May	BSEC HQ
Round table on transport-related issues in the Black Sea region	May	Varna
Conference on Risk Management in Energy - 2019	May	Russian Federation
Conference on the EU Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda in the Black Sea	8-9 May	Bucharest
European Maritime Day 2019	16-17 May	Lisbon
Ministerial Conference on the EU Black Sea Maritime Initiative	21 May	Bucharest
Training for Operational Police Tactics and How to Escape Ambush (Organized by the Narcotic Training Academy of the Directorate General of Security of the Republic of Turkey) * proposed by the Turkish MFA	20-25 May	(TBD)
International Transport Forum (ITF) 2019	22-24 May	Leipzig
Training for the Field Expertise of Counter Narcotic Crimes (Organized by the Narcotic Training Academy of the Directorate General of Security of the Republic of Turkey)	27-31 May	(TBD)

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18th International Trade and Transport Week / 17th International Exhibition "Inter-TRANSPORT"	29 May – 1 June	Odessa
Maritime Tourism - Common Policies of the EU Member States	7-9 June	Constanta
8 <sup>th</sup> Edition of the Balkans International Wine Competition	6 - 8 June	Sofia
International Training Program on Energy Efficiency and Management in Industry and Buildings <i>* proposed by the Turkish MFA</i>	17-28 June	Ankara, Manisa, İzmir
Seminar on "How to More Effectively Attract Chinese and Indian Tourists to the BSEC Region"	(TBD)	Istanbul
BASPA Board Meeting	(TBC)	(TBD)
35 <sup>th</sup> General Assembly of BSEC-URTA	(TBC)	(TBD)
BRASS Board Meeting	(TBC)	(TBD)
International Conference on Energy Interconnectivity of the BSEC Member-States	(TBC)	Sofia
Round Table on the issue of Antibiotic Resistance and the Need of Attentive Usage of Antibiotics in Medicine	(TBC)	Sofia
International Conference on Gastronomic Tourism and the Black Sea Cuisine	(TBC)	Sofia
International Conference on Digitalization of Enterprises	(TBC)	Sofia
Joint BSEC-US Seminar on Science and Technology	(TBC)	(TBC)
<b>NOTES:</b>		
• 3 March 2019, Sunday (will be celebrated on 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2019, Monday) – National Day		
<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAYS OF THE BSEC PERMIS:</b>		
New Year's Day	1 January (Tuesday)	
Christmas Day (Julian calendar)	7 January (Monday)	
National Sovereignty and Children's Day	23 April (Tuesday)	
Orthodox Easter	26-29 April (Friday to Monday)	
Labour Day	1 May (Wednesday)	
Youth & Sports Day	19 May (Sunday)	
Ramazan Bayramı	3-6 June (Monday to Thursday)	

