



**HELLENIC REPUBLIC
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
B4 Directorate for Economic Relations
with Balkan countries, Russia,
Caucasian & Black Sea countries and BSEC issues**

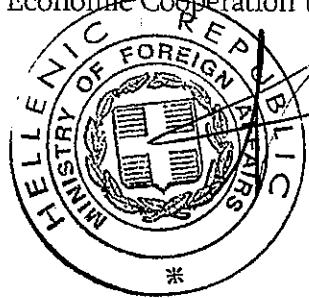
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VERBAL NOTE

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic, B4 Directorate, present their compliments to the Permanent International Secretariat of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation and has the honor to attach herewith a Concept Note with regard to a Drawing Competition on the Black Sea, initiated by the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs of the Hellenic Republic, entitled "Cultural monuments of the BSEC countries are our common heritage".

The BSEC PERMIS is kindly requested to disseminate this Note among the esteemed BSEC Member States, in order the latter to forward the above mentioned Concept Note to their competent educational Authorities and encourage their participation in this initiative which aims at stimulating young students' interest in the wider Black Sea region and BSEC's important role therein.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic, B4 Directorate, avail themselves of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent International Secretariat of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation the assurances of their highest consideration.



Athens, 16 September, 2021

- Attached:
Concept Note

Permanent International Secretariat
of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation
Istanbul, Republic of Turkey

Hellenic Coordination of the Working Group on Education

1.1.2020-30.12.2021

Drawing Competition

2021

The Hellenic Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, coordinating country of the Working Group on Education of the BSEC member-states for the period 1.1.2020-30.12.2021, has the pleasure to launch a **Drawing Competition** entitled “**Cultural monuments of the BSEC countries are our common heritage**”.

This competition intends to promote the spirit of cooperation between young students of the BSEC countries.

It will take place simultaneously in all the BSEC member-states, via the Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

General framework

Participating students aged 16-17 will have the opportunity to seek general information about the following:

- The origin of the name "Black Sea".
- The geographical location of each BSEC member-state, its language/s, religion/s, local habits, and customs.
- The historical relations between the peoples living in the broader geographical area.

Students will focus on the following:

- Important historical-cultural monuments of the Black Sea region.
- History and importance of historical-cultural monuments for the Black Sea region and the world.
- The natural resources of the Black Sea and their importance for the ecosystem, ways for its protection from pollution and man.
- The risks involved for the planet as a result of climate change.
- The role of International Organisations to their protection, as part of world cultural heritage.

Aim of the competition:

- The competition aims to raise awareness of students about the importance of the Black Sea region's monuments, history, and culture.
- To trigger students' interest to act as tomorrow's citizens for the protection of monuments and the environment, through cooperation with their peers from BSEC countries.

Who can participate:

Secondary education students (aged 16-17) from the BSEC member-states.

Terms of participation:

Participation in the competition is not compulsory.

Each BSEC member-state can send, via official authorities, **one (01) work** to the Hellenic Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs.

Procedures for participation:

- Participating students are requested to prepare a drawing on the above-mentioned topic, on an **A3 paper** (or other material) size, in their style, using painting materials of their choice.
A photograph of the work selected by the competent school authorities of the BSEC member-states should be saved in a **digital file** at a resolution of 300 dpi.
The above authorities should send the digital file to the Hellenic Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs by **e-mail** (bsec-drawing-compet2@minedu.gov.gr) before the deadline.
In the area "Subject" of the e-mail, the BSEC authorities should mention "BSEC Competition".
Both the original work selected by each member-state and the digital file containing its photograph should be kept by the respective school authorities of the BSEC countries until the official announcement of the results.
- Digital files should be accompanied by one **A4 page**, with the following compulsory information, written **in the/a country's official language and English**:
 1. **Student's name and surname**, in capital letters.
 1. **School's name**, address, telephone, e-mail, and the **headmaster's name**.
 2. **The name of the monument**.
 4. **Information about the monument** (no more than 200 words), in **English**; e.g. the name of the artist who has created it, the year/century of its creation, what represents the monument, and why the student has chosen the work to depict it.

Deadline for participation: 5 November 2021

Selection of winners:

In the **Hellenic Ministry of Education** (the Directorate for European and International Affairs), in Athens, an ad hoc non-remunerated Committee will be set up to select **three (03) works** out of the total sent by the BSEC member-states to the Ministry, within the aforementioned deadline.

The Committee will be composed of:

- a. The head of the General Directorate for International, European Affairs, Education of the Greeks of the Diaspora and Intercultural Education
- b. The head of the Directorate for European and International Affairs
- c. The head of the Unit for International Relations
- d. The administrative employee who is responsible for the competition and represents the country to the BSEC.
- e. An Arts teacher
- f. One representative of the Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Directorate B04)
- g. One representative of the Permanent International Secretariat (PERMIS) of the BSEC.

Criteria of selection:

Among the criteria of selection will be the aesthetic and artistic integrity of the work.

Results:

The results will be announced officially by PERMIS.

Prizes:

The **three (03) winners** will receive a **Commendation Certificate** signed by the **Greek Minister of Education and Religious Affairs** and the **Secretary-General of the BSEC Permanent International Secretariat (PERMIS)**.

All the BSEC member-states are invited to participate in the competition in compliance with their home legislation and educational procedures.