



PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION PABSEC

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RECOMMENDATION 202 /2025*

“Towards a Greener Future: Cooperation for Technology Solutions in the Black Sea Region”

1. The Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC) acknowledges the importance of fostering shared responsibility for active involvement of parliaments, governments, citizens, and civil society to pursue a greener future. This collaborative effort encompasses the promotion of innovation and technological solutions that enhance environmental sustainability and contribute to a healthier planet for future generations. By harnessing the combined efforts of all stakeholders in this green transition it is possible to effectively tackle the challenges posed by climate change and conflicts with global consequences in an increasingly complex and dynamic environment.
2. The PABSEC recognizes that the Wider Black Sea Region has significant potential for a successful green transition due to its diverse ecosystems and abundant natural resources. All existing and potential resources in the Region can be effectively leveraged to support a sustainable and resilient greener future. The PABSEC commends the efforts of the BSEC Member States in addressing common environmental challenges through the implementation of the advanced technology solutions in various sectors that drive economic growth and innovation. These initiatives are integrated into comprehensive national plans and programmes for economic and social development in line with global environmental objectives while being tailored to the unique ecological, economic, and social contexts of each member state.
3. The PABSEC underlines that green transition is a complex process that influences various socio-economic dimensions. This multifaceted path not only transforms industries but also necessitates re-evaluation of established practices presenting both challenges and opportunities. The PABSEC believes that the success of the green transition hinges on each country's ability to adapt, embrace new policies and technologies, and prioritize sustainability in all aspects of life. Steering the green development paradigms and achieving a greener future in the Black Sea Region and beyond necessitates an effective holistic approach. The synergy between green policies and environmental sustainability enables to integrate environmental viewpoints into key areas of economic policy.
4. The PABSEC emphasizes that investment in research and science, along with the establishment of new disciplines and specialized institutions, is crucial for equipping societies to address the challenges of the green transition and greener future. The development of new educational institutions and the formation of partnerships at both national and international

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levels can enhance research capabilities and boost funding for projects focused on achieving environmental objectives and facilitating the transition to a more sustainable green economy.

5. The PABSEC reiterates its commitment to establishing a sustainable environment, emphasizing the importance of collaborative efforts among all stakeholders to foster ecological integrity and resilience as stated in its previous Recommendations: the Recommendation 196/2024 on “Cooperation among the BSEC Member States in Energy Trading”, the Recommendation 191/2023 on “The Role of Parliaments in Enhancing Energy Security in the BSEC Member States”, the Recommendation 167/2019 on “Green Economy. Blue Growth”, the Recommendation 155/2017 on “Development of New and Renewable Sources of Energy in the BSEC Member States”, the Recommendation 134/2013 “Global Climate Change: Causes, Effects and Possible Consequences for the BSEC Member States”, the Recommendation 113/2009 on “Shaping Ecological Awareness and Behaviour in the BSEC Member States”, etc.

6. The PABSEC welcomes the efforts of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) in implementing the goals defined in the “The BSEC Economic Agenda - Towards a Sustainable Future of the Wider Black Sea area” (2023) in the framework of the activities of the several BSEC Working Groups dealing with energy, environmental protection, science and technology, etc.

7. The PABSEC shares the global approach towards implementation of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals, as well as the United Nations Paris Climate Agreement (2015). To this end, the PABSEC welcomes the successful organisation of the UN Climate Change Conference (COP-29) in Baku (11-22 November 2024) and stresses the potential of multilateral cooperation for shaping greener future.

8. Therefore, the Assembly recommends that the Parliaments and Governments of the BSEC Member States:

- i. *ensure* the establishment of a greener future by incorporating environmental objectives into economic development strategies and programs;
- ii. *expedite* the necessary reforms to tackle sustainable development challenges, thereby enhancing environmental security and mitigating the anthropogenic impact on nature that contributes to climate change;
- iii. *enhance* the regulatory and legal framework to facilitate the transition to a green economy, particularly through the enactment of specialized legislation;
- iv. *accelerate* the adoption of most advanced green technologies and climate-smart economic practices;
- v. *intensify* efforts to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and take additional measures to combat climate change in the BSEC Region;
- vi. *implement* measures to enhance national strategies for utilizing renewable energy and reducing carbon emissions, while minimizing environmental impact and fostering the development of cleaner, more efficient technologies;
- vii. *develop* strategies that promote the sustainable and environmentally responsible use of traditional energy sources;
- viii. *invest* in technologies that minimize pollutant emissions from the combustion of traditional energy sources, utilizing methods such as filtration and carbon capture;
- ix. *develop* integrated energy systems that synergize traditional sources with renewable ones, such as solar and wind, to alleviate the reliance on conventional energy and facilitate a seamless transition to a greener future;

- x. *stimulate* further deployment of green and digital technologies in such major sectors of economy as energy, transport, construction, industry, waste management, agriculture, etc;
- xi. *create* economic and financial instruments that serve as additional incentives for environmental protection and the attainment of sustainable development goals;
- xii. explore the possibilities for establishment of specialized funds dedicated to supporting startups and innovative companies that focus on developing and implementing new technological solutions, products, and services in the field of ecology;
- xiii. *encourage* public-private partnerships in developing and implementing technology solutions for sustainable development and a greener future;
- xiv. *organise* awareness-raising campaigns to highlight the importance of a greener future, emphasizing the sustainable use of traditional energy sources and promoting energy efficiency among both the public and businesses;
- xv. *invest* in research aimed at developing technologies that enable more efficient and environmentally friendly use of traditional energy sources and ensure a green transition;
- xvi. *foster* partnerships between academia and industry at both national and international levels to facilitate the exchange of experiences and knowledge in pursuit of a greener future and the implementation of sustainable solutions;
- xvii. *promote* cooperation among the BSEC Member States in the adoption of advanced technological solutions at various levels through technology transfer programs, while fostering the exchange of technology and best practices among countries in the region;
- xviii. *take* steps to create a joint regional platform for sharing policies the field of green transition;
- xix. *strengthen* the cooperation with international organizations and institutions pursuing sustainable development and green transition;
- xx. *support* organization of regional seminars, round tables and events aimed at sharing best practices and exchange of information on introduction of best technology solutions;
- xxi. *more effectively deploy* the potential of financial institutions, including the Black Sea Trade and Development Bank (BSTDB) to launch new green projects in the BSEC region;
- xxii. *contribute* to the implementation of the strategic objectives regarding sustainable future stipulated in the BSEC statutory documents, including the BSEC Green Energy Strategy and encourage further collaboration within BSEC Green Energy Network;
- xxiii. *provide* the necessary support to the activities of the BSEC Working Groups on Energy, Environmental Protection and Science and Technology and the implementation of their Action Plans.

9. The Assembly invites the BSEC Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs to consider this Recommendation.