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### **Meeting of Dr. Anastasia Tourta, President of the European Centre for Byzantine and Post-Byzantine Monuments (EKBMM) with Dr. Zefi Dimadama, ICBSS Director General**

On 19 February 2015, Dr. Anastasia Tourta, President of the European Centre for Byzantine and Post-Byzantine Monuments, welcomed Dr. Zefi Dimadama, ICBSS Director General, in EKBMM Headquarters in Thessaloniki.

During the meeting, the two parties discussed ways to join their forces with a view to enhancing further the role of the European Centre for Byzantine and Post-Byzantine Monuments (EKBMM) and the ICBSS in the Black Sea region. Dr. Tourta and Dr. Dimadama explored ways of further strengthening their collaboration, through the organisation of joint actions, events and publications in fields of common interest. The two parties stressed the fact that the EKBMM and the ICBSS has built up a relationship of a great value during last years and that it will continue and will grow in the years ahead.

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