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2nd BSEC Month of Culture 1-30 November 2018

The **2nd edition of the BSEC Month of Culture**, organised by ICBSS, was successfully completed on Friday 30 November 2018, featuring a short video about Bulgaria, in view of the upcoming Bulgarian BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office, for the first semester of 2019.

Launched on 1 November 2018 with a video about Azerbaijan, currently holding the BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office, the month-long programme of the BSEC Month of Culture was dedicated to the 20th Anniversary of ICBSS.

Throughout the whole month, ICBSS posted on its **website** (www.icbss.org), **facebook** (@icbss.org) and **twitter** (@icbss_dikemep), trivia about monuments and natural sights; popular gastronomy; traditional, contemporary and classic music; literature masterpieces; theatre and performance art, as well as painting and sculpting of the 12 BSEC Member States. Posts were uploaded on a daily basis, in various forms, i.e. short texts, online quizzes, short video clips.

The MoC2018 included also, three thematic online quizzes on the BSEC cultural heritage, unusual gastronomic traditions and UNESCO monuments across the region.

ICBSS expresses its sincere gratitude to Azerbaijan, Georgia, Greece and Turkey for the official photos and videos contributed to the 2nd BSEC Month of Culture.

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#MoC2018 #CultureBSEC

About the BSEC Month of Culture:

The ICBSS first launched the “**BSEC Month of Culture**” in 2017, on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the BSEC Organisation.

It is a month long programme of **cultural highlights from the 12 BSEC Member States** (Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Moldova, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Turkey, and Ukraine). Being aware of the rich, diverse cultural heritage of the BSEC region, the ICBSS launches the “**BSEC Month of Culture**” annually, with the aim to promote the cultural identity of the region and enhance its visibility to the wider public.

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***About the ICBSS:** The International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS) was founded in 1998 as a non-profit organisation. It has since fulfilled a dual function. On the one hand, it is an independent research and training*

institution focusing on the wider Black Sea region. On the other hand, it is a related body of the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) and serves as its acknowledged think-tank. Thus, the ICBSS pursues applied, policy-oriented research, promotes knowledge on the Black Sea region both within and outside its boundaries, and offers policy advice with the aim to foster multilateral cooperation among the BSEC member states as well as with their international partners.

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