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The Director General of the International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS) Dr. Z. **Dimadama**, met on 22 March with **Turkey's new ambassador** to Athens **Mr. Kerim Uras**.

During their meeting, Ms. Dimadama presented briefly the role, and contribution of ICBSS in the wider Black Sea area. She additionally noted that the countries of the Black Sea region need to implement multilateral environmental agreements in order to establish a more strategic regional cooperation and sustainability in the Black Sea area, in fields of Trade, Transport, Investment, Energy and Environment.

Particular emphasis was placed on benefits for Greece and the Turkey from the synergy of the countries of the Black Sea, an area of intense energy, financial and business interest and stressed the need for further cooperation between Member States of the BSEC, the European Union and other international organizations.

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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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