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The **Final Conference** of the **BSEC-HDF research project** “Green Cluster of Knowledge Institutions of Black Sea: A Roadmap on Renewable Energy Sources and Energy Efficiency for Research and Academic Institutions”, took place in **Istanbul, on 23 July 2012** and was hosted by the project partner, TUBITAK Marmara Research Center. The other 2 partners of the project also attended the Conference: the project coordinator, International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS), and the National Research University-Higher School of Economics (HSE).

Welcome speeches were addressed by the BSEC-HDF Manager, Mr. Konstantinos Zaimis and the Director General of the International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS), Dr. Zefi Dimadama.

The Final Conference was organized in the context of the project’s finalization, aiming at presenting its main outcomes, particularly the launching of the **Green Cluster of Black Sea Knowledge Institutions**, strengthening capacity building in the fields of energy efficiency and renewable energy sources and creating cooperation bonds with the Black Sea stakeholders.

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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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