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On 6 June 2013, **Ms. Ekaterini Sidiropoulou- Papakosta, PABSEC Vice President in charge of Financial Matters and Member of the Hellenic Parliament** met with **ICBSS Director General, Dr. Zefi Dimadama**.

In light of the **15 years Anniversary of ICBSS** since its establishment in 1998, and on the occasion of the **20 Years Anniversary of PABSEC**, the ICBSS is promoting the organisation of a **Joint Celebratory Event**, in Athens. Through cooperation, two BSEC Related Bodies will join their forces with a view to enhancing further the role of BSEC in the Black Sea region.

During their meeting, Dr. Dimadama and Ms. Papakosta explored the possibility of organizing a Joint Celebratory Event, in Athens, in October with the participation of BSEC Member States, Stakeholders, Entrepreneurs, Policy-makers and Academicians from the wider Black Sea region.

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