



## **BSEC MONTH OF CULTURE 2019**

**PRESS RELEASE**

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The Regional Unit of Pieria hosts some of the most important monuments of the Hellenistic period. Travellers have the unique opportunity to visit among others, the **Roman Theatre**, the first excavation of the Roman Colony in the area of Dion; the **Sanctuary of Isis**, the central temple of the mosque dedicated to maternity; the **Dionysus Villa**, which depicts the life of God of the Wine.

Bonus: A time lapse video from the Ancient Theatre of Zeus

The ancient [#TheatreOfZeus](#) is located in the region of Pieria in the city of Dion. The theatre was constructed by an unknown architect during the Hellenistic period, when Philip V of Macedon reigned over Greece. Some kilometres away, the highest mountain of Greece [#Olympus](#) provides a dominating background!

Tip: Visit the Theatre of Zeus in summer, to enjoy live performances during the [#OlympusFestival](#).

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**Join the BSEC Month of Culture, organised by the ICBSS from 1-30 November 2019  
and learn about the remarkable and rich cultural heritage of the BSEC region.**

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***About the BSEC Month of Culture:***

Being aware of the rich, diverse cultural heritage of the BSEC region, the **International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS)** launched the **BSEC Month of Culture (MoC)**, in 2017, with the aim to promote the cultural identity of the Black Sea region and enhance its visibility to the wider public.

The MoC is a month long programme of diverse cultural activities related to the rich cultural heritage of the 12 BSEC Member States. Our aspiration is to establish the 'BSEC Month of Culture' as an annual event that will include more cultural activities each year.

The 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the BSEC Month of Culture was held successfully on 1-30 June 2017, on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the BSEC Organisation. The 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the BSEC Month of Culture was launched from 1 to 30 November 2018, on the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of ICBSS.

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of the BSEC Month of Culture will be launched from 1 to 30 November 2019.**

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