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Memorandum of Understanding between the International Centre for Black Sea Studies and the Institute for Development and Diplomacy

On 29 March 2024, the Director General of the **International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS)**, Mr. Georgios MITRAKOS, and the Director of the **Institute for Development and Diplomacy (IDD) of ADA University**, Dr. Fariz ISMAILZADE, signed a Memorandum of Understanding between the two institutions, in an online meeting.

This MoU renews the already established cooperation between the two institutions and aims to enhance further their interaction, through regular communication and collaboration, focusing on research and knowledge exchange in fields of common interest.

The aligned ICBSS' and IDD' priorities to foster synergies and advocacy across the wider Black Sea region, will contribute to an enriching environment for young scientists and policymakers in the region and beyond.

For more information, please visit <https://icbss.org/> and <https://idd.az/>

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 Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC), and its 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 of fostering multilateral cooperation among the BSEC member states as well as with their international partners.