



## WEBINAR ON WOMEN IN DIPLOMACY

“WOMEN DIPLOMATS AT THE FOREFRONT:  
PROMOTING DIALOGUE AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE BLACK SEA”

Monday 9 March 2026 | 11.00 - 13.45 EEST

Under the auspices of the Georgian BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office



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### DRAFT AGENDA

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| 11:00 – 11:15 | <b>Opening of the Webinar</b><br><b>Maria NIKOLTSIOU</b><br>News Anchor-Journalist at Alpha Satellite Television SA, Hellenic Republic   |
|               | <b>Welcome remarks</b><br><b>H.E. Ambassador Lazăr COMĂNESCU</b><br>BSEC PERMIS Secretary-General  |
|               | <b>Introductory remarks</b><br><b>George MITRAKOS</b><br>ICBSS Director General  |
| 11:15 – 11:30 | <b>High-Level Opening Session</b>  |
|               | Statement by the <b>Georgian BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office</b><br>Presented by <b>Ana GABITASHVILI</b><br>Counsellor of Regional International Organizations Division, Department of International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia |
|               | <b>Keynote Address:</b><br><b>Women’s Leadership in Diplomacy and Multilateral Cooperation</b><br><b>Prof. Nilüfer NARLI</b><br>Professor of Political Sociology at Bahçeşehir University, Republic of Türkiye   |

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| 11:30 – 12:10 | <p><b>Session I: Women Diplomats Advancing Dialogue and Peace in the Black Sea Region</b></p> <p>Focus: Women’s contribution to dialogue, peacebuilding, and conflict prevention.<br/>Added value of women’s participation in multilateral diplomacy</p>  |
|               | <p><b>Moderator: Maria NIKOLTSIOU</b><br/>News Anchor-Journalist at Alpha Satellite Television SA, Hellenic Republic</p>  |
|               | <p><b>H.E. Ambassador Sanja MILINKOVIĆ</b><br/>Coordinator in the Department for Multilateral Cooperation<br/>Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia</p>   |
|               | <p><b>Irina NOSOVA</b><br/>Deputy Director of the Department for Economic Cooperation,<br/>Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation</p>  |
|               | <p><b>Svetlana ANDRIES</b><br/>Deputy Country representative at UN Woman, Republic of Moldova</p>   |
|               | <p><b>Karine SUJAYAN</b><br/>Head, Human Rights and Humanitarian Issues Department<br/>Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia</p>   |
|               | <p><b>Zhala IBRAHIMOVA</b><br/>Acting Head of the Department for Cooperation with International Human Rights Institutions, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan</p>  |
| 12.10 – 12.30 | <p><b>Interactive Discussion / Q&amp;A Session</b></p>  |
| 12:30 – 13:10 | <p><b>Session II – Special Panel: Strengthening Regional Cooperation through Women’s Leadership</b></p> <p>Focus: Women’s leadership within BSEC and regional frameworks.<br/>Gender-inclusive diplomacy as a tool for confidence-building.<br/>Shaping an inclusive and resilient vision for the Black Sea region.</p> |
|               | <p><b>Moderator: Ana KRSTINOVSKA</b><br/>PhD, President of ESTIMA Organization, Republic of North Macedonia</p>   |
|               | <p><b>H.E. Mimi KODHELI</b><br/>Former Minister of Defense of the Republic of Albania</p>   |

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|                      | <b>Tanya MIHAYLOVA</b><br>Director, Diplomatic Institute, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria                                     |
|                      | <b>Oana MOCANU</b><br>Director General, European Institute of Romania   |
|                      | <b>Prof. Ella LIBANOVA</b><br>IPL Expert, Ptoukha Institute for Demography and Social Studies of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine          |
| <b>13:10 – 13:30</b> | <b>Interactive Discussion / Q&amp;A Session</b>   |
| <b>13:30 – 13:45</b> | <b>Summary of key messages and takeaways</b><br><b>Maria NIKOLTSIOU</b><br>News Anchor-Journalist at Alpha Satellite Television SA, Hellenic Republic |
|                      | <b>Closing remarks</b><br><b>H.E. Ambassador Merve Safa KAVAKCI</b><br>BSEC PERMIS First Deputy Secretary-General                                     |

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