



## 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



### AGENDA

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

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. Added value of women’s participation in multilateral diplomacy</p>
	<p><b>Moderator: Maria NIKOLTSIOU</b> News Anchor-Journalist at Alpha Satellite Television SA, Hellenic Republic</p>
	<p><b>H.E. Ambassador Sanja MILINKOVIĆ</b> Coordinator in the Department for Multilateral Cooperation Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia</p>
	<p><b>Irina NOSOVA</b> Deputy Director of the Department for Economic Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation</p>
	<p><b>Svetlana ANDRIES</b> Deputy Country representative at UN Woman, Republic of Moldova</p>
	<p><b>Karine SUJAYAN</b> Head, Human Rights and Humanitarian Issues Department Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia</p>
	<p><b>Zhala IBRAHIMOVA</b> 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. Gender-inclusive diplomacy as a tool for confidence-building. Shaping an inclusive and resilient vision for the Black Sea region.</p>
	<p><b>Moderator: Ana KRSTINOVSKA</b> PhD, President of ESTIMA Organization, Republic of North Macedonia</p>
	<p><b>Tanya MIHAYLOVA</b> Director, Diplomatic Institute, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria</p>

	<b>Roberta ANASTASE</b> Former President of the Chamber of Deputies of Romania
	<b>Prof. Ella LIBANOVA</b> 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> <b>Maria NIKOLTSIOU</b> News Anchor-Journalist at Alpha Satellite Television SA, Hellenic Republic
	<b>Closing remarks</b> <b>H.E. Ambassador Merve Safa KAVAKCI</b> BSEC PERMIS First Deputy Secretary-General

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