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# **Development of Motorways of the Sea through the Black Sea Economic Cooperation**

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**PRESENTATION HIGHLIGHTS**

- **Introduction of EAMA, Bulgaria**
- **MoU on the Development of MoS at BSEC region**
- **Status & Major Initiatives of the MoS AH WG**

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## MoU ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF MoS AT THE BSEC REGION (1)

Initiated and signed by 12 countries under the auspices of BSEC (19 April 2007), in force since 1st December 2008

Solid reference in the Preamble to EU's MoS concept and initiatives

**GOAL:** facilitate and enhance cooperation on policy matters regarding development of MoS in the region and between the EU and the region

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**MoU ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF MoS AT THE BSEC REGION (2)**  
**Major Areas of Cooperation:**

- Ports cooperation in training and best-practices exchange
- Projects and potential funding identification
- Safeguarding of free and fair shipping
- Facilitation of intermodality and access to all transport modes
- Enhancement of maritime safety & security
- Info exchange and public awareness raising

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## STATUS & MAJOR INITIATIVES OF THE MoS AHWG (1)

### Status:

- Annual regular meetings (latest: in Istanbul, 28-29 March 2013)
- Joint Technical Secretariat on two-year rotating basis – in Ankara, starting  
1 May 2013
- Current AHWG two-year rotating Chairmanship: Republic of Bulgaria (till 1 September 2013; next - Ukraine)

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## STATUS & MAJOR INITIATIVES OF THE MoS AHWG (2)

### Mandate of the MoS AHWG (Art. 3 of the MoS MoU):

- Ensure appropriate info exchange
- Proposals to achieve MoS MoU objectives
- Monitoring of the progress in the MoS MoU implementation
- Identification of areas of common interest and proposal of related actions
- Coordination of activities
- Review of progress, reporting to the competent authorities and reporting and recommendations to the Working Group on Transport of the BSEC
- Promotion of the MoS

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**STATUS & MAJOR INITIATIVES OF THE MoS AHWG  
(3)**

**Major Initiatives of the MoS AHWG (1):**

- Established an Expert Correspondence Network and adopted its ToR
- Gathered info and set up a database on the Black Sea ports
- Prepared and adopted an outline of a MoS Master Plan and a list of ports to be included in the latter's design
- Developed a pilot project for a website that introduces the Black Sea ports
- Developed a pilot project for the development of the MoS Master Plan



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**STATUS & MAJOR INITIATIVES OF THE MoS AHWG  
(4)**

**Major Initiatives of the MoS AHWG (2):**

- Initiated the development of a Hot Line platform for urgent resolution of shippers' problems in the BSEC ports
- Supported a study on dry docks in the framework of the MoS
- Took to note a concept paper on the development of ferry and cruise links in the Black Sea
- Initiated preparation of a communication strategy for the promotion of MoS
- Set up its own website

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION !***

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