## BSEC

## ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION

## **Permanent International Secretariat**

## PRESS RELEASE ON THE VISIT OF THE DELEGATION FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF ROMANIA (Istanbul, 31 October 2019)

A delegation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania, consisting of Ms. Antoaneta BARTA, Director General, and Mr. Alexandru ENE, Director of the Directorate for the Western Balkans and Regional Cooperation, paid a visit to the BSEC Headquarters for consultations with BSEC PERMIS in order to better prepare the forthcoming Romanian Chairmanship-in-Office of BSEC for the period 1 January-30 June 2020.

The consultations focused on selecting the most appropriate priorities to be followed during the Chairmanship and the main events to be organized in the next six months. A comprehensive exchange of views took place on the main challenges confronting the Organization, on ways and means of increasing the effectiveness of BSEC activities and of strengthening the project dimension, including by engaging in a substantial reform process.

Both sides appreciated the usefulness of these consultations and agreed to continue them before the beginning of the Chairmanship term. To this effect, the Secretary General, Ambassador Michael B. CHRISTIDES, was invited to pay a visit to Bucharest during the month of December, in order to continue the consultations with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania, before it finalizes the Priorities and the Calendar of Events of the Romanian Chairmanship-in-Office.