



**PRESS RELEASE ON  
THE OFFICIAL START OF THE ROMANIAN CHAIRMANSHIP-IN-OFFICE OF BSEC  
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The Romanian Chairmanship-in-Office got officially underway during the “*Coordination Meeting of the BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office, the BSEC Committee of Senior Officials, BSEC Related Bodies and the BSEC PERMIS*” held at the BSEC Headquarters, on 17 January 2020.

The Meeting was chaired by the Representative of the Romanian BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office Mr. Mircea LAZAR.

Ms. Antoaneta BARTA, Director General of the Department for Bilateral Relations, Regional Cooperation and European Enlargement, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania, presented the priorities of the Chairmanship to the participants under the motto: “*Bridging Shores through Enhancing Cohesion*”, which she underlined illustrates Romania’s belief that the prerequisite for future consolidation of the BSEC should be built around cohesion, interconnectivity and dialogue. She further continued that under this heading, the Romanian Chairmanship will strive to forge a more result-oriented cooperation by building confidence and trust, encouraging dialogue and constructive action with the aim to take further steps to deliver on the core mission of BSEC - shared prosperity through promoting better connectivity within the region. *The full text of the priorities is available on: <http://www.bsec-organization.org/chairmanship> .*

The Secretary General of the BSEC PERMIS, H.E. Ambassador Michael B. CHRISTIDES, conveyed the best wishes of the Secretariat for the success and the fulfillment of the priorities announced by the Romanian Chairmanship, reiterating that PERMIS will spare no effort to provide its full support and contribution for successfully addressing the issues concerning the overall performance of the Organization. He concluded with renewing his appeal to all BSEC Member States to enhance their active participation and involvement in the activities of the Organization.