



PRESS RELEASE
ON THE PARTICIPATION OF THE BSEC PERMIS
SECRETARY GENERAL AMBASSADOR LAZĂR COMĂNESCU
IN THE "THESSALONIKI SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT"

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Invited by the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH), the BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazăr COMĂNESCU took part in the *"Thessaloniki Sustainability Summit"* held online on 15 September 2021. The event was organized and supported by AUTH, Financial University under the Government of the Russian Federation (FinU), Black Sea Project Promotion Facility (BSPPF) and SDSN-Black Sea. The Deputy Secretary General Ambassador Traian CHEBELEU, and Mr. Kenan MURTUZOV, Executive Manager, also followed the event.

Thessaloniki Sustainability Summit brought together representatives of academia, political and business communities as well as other stakeholders to discuss issues related to identifying, monitoring, recording, and reporting the parameters that define the progress in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The BSEC PERMIS Secretary General delivered the welcome address at the opening of the event. In his remarks he outlined the activities and accomplishments of BSEC towards achieving the SDGs in the BSEC region and emphasized the importance of the successful implementation of the *"Feasibility Study for a Black Sea SDGs Observatory"* project by the joint team from AUTH and FinU with the grant allocated from BSPPF.

The Secretary General expressed his hope that the deliverables of the project, once the latter is completed, will help to boost the cooperation in the Black Sea region and pave the way for achieving further tangible results in the implementing of the SDGs.