



**PRESS RELEASE
ON THE VIII GLOBAL BAKU FORUM**

The Secretary General of BSEC PERMIS, Ambassador Lazar Comanescu participated, upon the invitation of the Chairmanship of the **Global Baku Forum**, to the 8th edition of this forum which was held on 4-6 November 2021 in Baku and was attended by Heads of States and Governments, Prime Ministers, Ministers, Members of the Parliaments, as well as other prominent participants such as representatives of international organizations and institutions, academics and business people.

The main topic of the Forum, “**The world after the Covid-19**”, provided ground for comprehensive discussions on issues such as emerging post-Covid-19 global order, the new world economy, climate change, energy, peace and security, as well as other issues of critical importance.

In his address to the Forum, the BSEC PERMIS Secretary General, made a presentation on BSEC activities, with particular emphasis on the efforts and contribution of the organization aimed at meeting the challenges in the area of climate change and energy. Ambassador Lazar Comanescu highlighted in this context, that such challenges can only be appropriately dealt with through an enhanced international cooperation, be it at bilateral, regional and global level.

In the margin of his participation at the *VIII Global Baku Forum*, Ambassador Comanescu held a bilateral meeting with H.E. Mr. Jeyhun Bayramov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan on 5 November 2021. The two officials had an exchange of views on the situation in the BSEC area and on the perspective for further enhancement of cooperation within the Organization. While underlining the importance of this cooperation for the economic development of the region, both sides emphasized the necessity to further intra- and inter-regional connectivity, stressed an urgent need for promotion of trade and transport facilitation. Issues related to the forthcoming 30th Anniversary of BSEC, possible ways to further increasing effectiveness and efficiency of BSEC, as well as need for active involvement of regional business communities into the cooperation process were also discussed. Minister Bayramov extended his best wishes to Ambassador Comanescu in performing his duties as newly elected BSEC PERMIS Secretary General. In his turn, Ambassador Comanescu highly appreciated the support and contribution of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the activities of BSEC.

The BSEC PERMIS Executive Manager Kanan Murtuzov accompanied the Secretary General during this working visit which came as the first visit of Ambassador Comanescu to Baku after assuming his duties as the BSEC PERMIS Secretary General.