



PRESS RELEASE
ON THE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS

The BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu visited Brussels on 26-28 January 2022, to participate in the informal annual meeting of the BSEC Organization with the COEST Working Party of the European Union (EU) Council of Ministers (28 January 2022). Beside taking part in that meeting, Ambassador Lazar Comanescu bilaterally met with Ambassador Stefano Sannino, Secretary General of the European External Action Service (EEAS); Mrs. Charlina Vitcheva, Director General, Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE); Mr. Maceij Popowski, Acting Director General, Directorate General for Neighborhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR); Mr. Michael Siebert, Managing Director for Russia, Eastern Partnership, Central Asia, Regional cooperation and OSCE, EEAS and Mr. Dimitris Dimitriadis, President of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) External Relations Section (REX).

Ambassador Comanescu was accompanied by Mrs. Rositsa Stoeva, Executive Manager at the BSEC PERMIS in charge of project management and cooperation with the EU.

The purpose of the meetings was to exchange views and ideas for further strengthening the cooperation between the BSEC Organization and the EU in areas of mutual interest such as blue growth, sustainable development, maritime affairs, people to people contacts and etc.

A special attention was attached to the Organization's eligibility for applying to the EU funded projects and grants, which continue to be case for the next programming period (2022-2027).

BSEC is seen as a reliable and trustworthy partner in the wider Black Sea area by all European counterparts and they are ready to continue cooperating with BSEC and developing projects of interest to the citizens of the BSEC Member States.