PRESS RELEASE
ON THE SIGNING OF THE AMENDING PROTOCOL TO THE HOST COUNTRY AGREEMENT BETWEEN BSEC AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY FOR THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT OF PABSEC
ON THE SIDELINES OF THE ANTALYA DIPLOMACY FORUM

The BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu is attending the Antalya Diplomacy Forum, held under the auspices of President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and hosted by Minister of Foreign Affairs H.E. Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, on 11-13 March 2022. The three day event, under the main theme of “Recoding Diplomacy” is being attended by representatives of 75 countries: 17 Heads of State and Government, 80 Ministers, and heads of 39 International Organizations.

Ambassador Lazar Comanescu, together with other high-level participants participated as a panelist in the discussions dedicated to the “Post-pandemic recovery, livelihoods and localities”, during which he highlighted that regional organizations need to establish institutions to facilitate trade, share best practices with each other and counter future pandemics. He also highlighted the need of appropriate coordination and correlation between actions taken at national level and those at local level.

On the sidelines of the Forum, a ceremony took place of the signing of the Amending Protocol to the Host Country Agreement between the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) and the Government of the Republic of Turkey for the International Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC).

The Protocol was signed by Ambassador Lazar Comanescu, on behalf of the BSEC and the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Director for EU Affairs of the Republic of Turkey, Ambassador Faruk Kaymakçı, on behalf of the Government of Republic of Turkey. The Secretary General of the International Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC) Mr. Asaf Hajiyev also attended the ceremony.