



**PRESS RELEASE
ON THE WORKING VISIT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL
TO ANKARA**

The BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu went to Ankara on 11-12 May 2022. During his visit to Ankara, he met with the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Director for EU Affairs of the Republic of Turkey Ambassador Faruk Kaymakçı on 11 May, where he had the opportunity to exchange views on the developments in the region and the current state of play in respect to the work and activities of the BSEC PERMIS under the present circumstances.

On 12 May 2022, the Secretary General was invited to participate at the "FPI & KAS Lunch Discussion V Turkey in Regional Initiatives in Central and Eastern Europe", jointly organized by the Foreign Policy Institute and Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, and addressed the participants on Turkey's role in the Black Sea and BSEC.

During his stay in Ankara, Ambassador Comanescu also met with Mr. Mehmet Uylukçu, Secretary General of the Union of Road Transport Associations in the BSEC Region (BSEC-URTA). In addition to several issues of great importance discussed during their meeting, they referred to border crossing problems and agreed to further coordinate their efforts to facilitate road transportation in the BSEC region. During the meeting both sides highlighted the particular significance of the 30th BSEC Anniversary this year.