



**PRESS RELEASE**  
**ON THE 39<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**(27 May 2022, Istanbul)**

The BSEC PERMIS, represented by Ambassador Lazar Comanescu, Secretary General, Ambassador Traian Chebeleu, Deputy Secretary General, and Mr. Sergii Kravchenko, Project Coordinator, participated in the 39<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly, which was held in Istanbul on 27 May 2022, in hybrid format.

The General Assembly was chaired by Mr. Eduart Kasa, President of the BSEC-URTA. Welcoming remarks were made by Ambassador Lazar Comanescu, Mr. Umberto de Pretto, Secretary General of the International Road Transport Union (IRU) and by Mr. Murat Bastor, General Director for Regulation on Transport Services, Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure of Turkey.

In his welcoming statement, Ambassador Comanescu underlined that the growing partnership of BSEC with BSEC-URTA is based on concrete joint projects and actions with regard to the road transport, among which the BSEC PERMIS Secretary General particularly mentioned the BSEC Permit System, digitalization of transport documents, border-crossing facilitation.

The General Assembly evaluated the BSEC-URTA activities since its previous Meeting, held on 25 November 2021, approved the Minutes of its 38<sup>th</sup> Meeting, the Report of the BSEC-URTA Auditors, and took note of the verbal report on the outcome of the meeting of the BSEC-URTA Management Council held prior to the General Assembly. The General Assembly also took note of the information on activities of the BSEC-URTA Working Group on Digitalization of Transport Documents and appreciated the good cooperation and coordination with the BSEC Organization and IRU for facilitation of border crossing at main BSEC land and maritime routes.

The BSEC PERMIS underlined the importance of establishment of the above Working Group, as a real practical platform for discussions on possible digital solutions. In that regard, it was reiterated that there is no alternative to digitalization and automation of procedures for international transport, which is to a large extent still based on paper documents.

The next Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly will be held in autumn 2022.