

## ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION

## **Permanent International Secretariat**

## PRESS RELEASE ON THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON "DIALOGUE AND COOPERATION IN THE BLACK SEA AND BALKAN REGIONS"

The BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu participated, upon invitation by the organizers, in the international conference on "Dialogue and Cooperation in the Black Sea and Balkan Regions" which took place in Bucharest on 12-14 October 2022.

The event was organized be the Black Sea Universities Network (BSUN), the Balkan Universities Association (BUA) and the University of Bucharest, in the context of BSUN - BUA 2022 Congress. Particular attention was given in the debates to the role and contribution of university and academic institutions in promoting cooperation and dialogue among the countries and peoples in these regions.

A special session of the conference was dedicated to the implementation of UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)in the BSEC-Balkan areas, with the Secretary General as keynote speaker.

He elaborated in his speech on the activities and actions undertaken by BSEC towards the implementation of SDGs in the area, while stressing the urgent need of turning back to an atmosphere of cooperation in the BSEC region as a sine qua non prerequisite for success in this endeavor.