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ON THE 9th EDITION OF THE DELPHI ECONOMIC FORUM

The 9th edition of the Delphi Forum took place in Delphi, on 10-13 April 2024, with the participation of current and former heads of state/ government, ministers, parliamentarians, heads of international/regional organizations, top representatives (CEOs) of the business community, academia, think tanks, NGOs and civil society.

As has been for the past years, this year's edition also covered a large number of topics with focus on current regional and global challenges, developments, trends and prospects for the future.

BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu, who was invited to the Forum as speaker in the panel "*EU Western Balkans accession: from political reluctance to strategic urgency*", highlighted the interest in and attention BSEC is paying to developments in the Western Balkans, having particularly in mind that three of the BSEC Member States are also EU Members. He elaborated in this context on the importance of further strengthening BSEC-EU interaction and cooperation for the mutual benefit. He also stressed the need of better synergies and correlation with the other regional organizations/ formats of cooperation (Central European Initiative, Regional Cooperation Council, Adriatic Ionic Initiative, 3Seas Initiative, etc.) as a win-win process aiming complementarity and mutual reinforcement.