

ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION

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PRESS RELEASE ON THE BSEC PERMIS PARTICIPATION IN THE WEC CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE ENERGY FORUM- FOREN 2024

Upon the invitation by the Romanian National Committee of the World Energy Council (WEC/RNC), BSEC PERMIS Secretary General, Ambassador Lazar Comanescu participated in the 17th edition of the WEC Central and Eastern Europe Energy Forum – FOREN 2024 entitled "Ret-thinking the Future of the World Through a Secured, Clean and Efficient Energy" held on 16-19 June 2024 in Neptun, Romania. Ambassador Ashot Kocharian, executive manager for energy, also attended the event.

In his address to the Forum, the Secretary General referred to the main activities and objectives of the BSEC Organization in the area of energy, emphasizing that development and progress in the region greatly depend on energy and stressing the need to appropriately tackle the trilemma: stable energy supply, mitigation of environmental impact and affordability. He further underlined that there is no alternative to cooperation based on fair competition and rules, and that strong economic relations, cooperation and integration has not only been beneficial in terms of economic development but also helped promoting stability and security.

Executive Manager Kocharian moderated the session on "Adapting the Energy Sectors of the Countries in the Region to the New Challenges" and participated as panellist, in the session on "Specific Issues on the Use of Fossil Fuels and Biofuels in the Energy Transition".

The Forum included also sessions on a just energy transition in CEE countries, energy efficiency, smart consumption and prosumer integration, energy strategies to decarbonize the energy system, new technologies in energy transition as well as the impact of artificial intelligence energy management in the coming decade.