



PRESS RELEASE
ON THE PARTICIPATION OF THE BSEC PERMIS SECRETARY GENERAL
IN THE BSUN 2024 CONGRESS

BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu participated in the 16th Conference of Rectors from the Black Sea Region: BSUN 2024 Congress "Summit of the Future for the Black Sea Region" held in Istanbul, on 11-12 July 2024. The participants were university rectors, academics, scholars and scientists from the wider Black Sea area, prominent public figures, and many others.

Building on the overarching commitments of the UN 2030 Agenda, and to provide regional context and recommendations for the upcoming Summit for the Future to be organized under the auspices of the UN in September 2024, this year's edition of the Congress addressed the main challenges and opportunities in the Black Sea region, particularly the role of education and universities in providing appropriate modalities and ways to tackle them. New pathways and best practices to promote science-based decision-making in society were debated, as well as the required transformation in education to better adapt to the new reality. The Congress consisted of an opening plenary and a series of panels, including one dedicated to peace in the region and beyond.

Addressing the plenary, BSEC PERMIS Secretary General highlighted the invaluable role and contribution of the academic community and universities to the common mission of the BSEC Organization in promoting cooperation, connectivity and good neighborly relations in the wider Black Sea area. He also highlighted the relevance of knowledge in addressing the problems of today, while as a speaker on the panel "A new Agenda for Peace in the Extended Black Sea Region and the Reform of Regional Cooperation Institutions", the Secretary General concentrated on the importance of the economic dimension of security, on the very important role of economic cooperation in providing and enhancing security and on the contribution there to of BSEC.