



ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION

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**PRESS RELEASE  
ON THE YEREVAN DIALOGUE 2024 INTERNATIONAL FORUM**

Invited by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia, BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu participated in the inaugural edition of the Yerevan Dialogue 2024 International Forum organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia and Observer Research Foundation (India) which was held on 9-11 September 2024 in Yerevan.

The Forum which brought together high-level government officials, policymakers, heads and representatives of diplomatic missions and international organizations, civil society, academia and private sector from more than 60 countries was inaugurated by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia H.E. Mr. Nikol Pashinyan and the Armenian Foreign Minister H.E. Mr. Ararat Mirzoyan.

The Forum focused on the following thematic directions: interconnectivity, transition to green economy and to the future of energy, digital society as a sustainable and safe driver for economy as well as future of work.

BSEC PERMIS Secretary General in his intervention as a panelist of the session on “Geopolitics of Connectivity: From Competition to Collaboration” emphasized the importance of connectivity which for BSEC has been a top priority area of its activity. He provided information on several important regional projects which are of major significance for the facilitation of transports and trade in the BSEC region. While welcoming initiatives coming from the countries of the region including the “Crossroads of Peace” project, Ambassador Comanescu stressed that enhancing connectivity contributes significantly to building confidence and promoting progress and prosperity in the entire Black Sea region and beyond.