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PRESS RELEASE
ON THE CONFERENCE BLACK SEA:
OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR EURO-ATLANTIC SECURITY

BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu participated upon invitation by the Italian Society for International Organization (S.I.O.I), in the Conference “Black Sea: Opportunities and Challenges for Euro-Atlantic Security”, organized in Rome on 7 November 2024 by S.I.O.I, in cooperation with the New Strategy Center of Bucharest.

Participants were ambassadors and other diplomats accredited in Rome, senior experts and political analysts, representatives of academia/think tanks and of business community particularly from energy and transport/connectivity sectors.

The Conference was held in two successive panels on strategies for a cooperation agenda, respectively Black Sea region’s role in providing energy security.

In his address as keynote speaker, BSEC PERMIS Secretary General stressed the importance of the economic dimension of security and the need of fostering regional economic cooperation as a key contributor to enhancing security. In this context he highlighted the geo-strategic location and role of the Black Sea region as real hub in terms of global trade, transport and energy, and elaborated on the activities of BSEC Organization, with focus on the priorities areas and directions of action as established through the BSEC Economic Agenda adopted in December 2023.