



ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION

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**PRESS RELEASE ON THE SECOND EDITION OF
THE YEREVAN DIALOGUE 2025 INTERNATIONAL FORUM**

Invited by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia, BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu participated in the second edition of the Yerevan Dialogue International Forum which took place on 26-27 May 2025 in the Armenian Capital.

The Forum, organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia, 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 40 countries.

Inaugural addresses were delivered by Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan and Foreign Minister Ararat Mirzoyan of the Republic of Armenia. Opening remarks were made by Prime Minister Robert Fico of Slovakia.

The Forum, carried out under the generic topic of “Navigating the Unknown”, consisted of several thematic panels with focus on: peace and security dilemmas, global geopolitical trends, tendencies in the EU and its Neighbourhood, green development, connectivity, trade and transportation, AI politics.

BSEC PERMIS Secretary General participated as a panelist in the session on “South Caucasus as a Strategic Hub: Challenges and Opportunities for Trade and Connectivity”.

While emphasizing the role of BSEC in the promotion of dialogue and economic cooperation in the Black Sea region and beyond, Ambassador Comanescu underlined the importance of connectivity which for BSEC has been a top priority area of its activity. He dwelled in this context on the concrete connectivity projects developed in the Black Sea area, highlighting the relevance of initiatives and contribution brought in this respect by the countries in the region, such as “The Crossroads of Peace” project advanced by the Government of Armenia.

On the sidelines of the Forum Ambassador Comanescu had brief bilateral exchanges with Minister Mirzoyan; Tatiana Molcean, UNECE Executive Secretary, and Belen Martinez Carbonell, Secretary General, European External Action Service. Ways of further enhancing mutually beneficial cooperation were discussed.