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**PRESS RELEASE**  
**ON THE MEETING OF THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS**  
**OF THE SOUTHEAST EUROPE COOPERATION PROCESS (SEECP)**

BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu participated in the Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Southeast Europe Cooperation Process (SEECP), which took place in Tirana on 16 June 2025, under the Albanian SEECP Chairmanship-in-Office. The generic theme of the meeting was "Boosting Regional Competitiveness and Inclusive Growth as Pathways to EU Integration for SEECP EU Aspiring Participants". The Ministerial Meeting was preceded, in the same day, by the Annual Meeting of the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) - the executive branch of the SEECP.

Addressing both the RCC and the Ministerial Meeting, the Secretary General dwelled on the benefits of BSEC-SEECP/RCC cooperation and emphasized the importance of further strengthening it including through enhanced correlation and coordination between the two Organizations all the more so as the BSEC and SEECP regions face common challenges in areas such as energy, marine ecosystem, trade and transport-connectivity, etc. While referring in this context to the importance of sustainable development, he highlighted the relevance in this respect of the new BSEC Economic Agenda.