



ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION

Permanent International Secretariat

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**MESSAGE BY BSEC PERMIS SECRETARY GENERAL  
AMBASSADOR LAZAR COMANESCU ON THE BSEC DAY (25 JUNE)**

*Dear Friends of BSEC,*

We as the BSEC family are proudly commemorating today the 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC), launched at the Istanbul Summit on 25 June 1992.

As the only full-fledged Organization expanding from the Balkans to the Caucasus, BSEC has matured over the 33 years of its existence to become an indispensable and major hub at the crossroads of Europe and Asia. It has been serving as an important platform for cooperation in a wide range of areas and as a forum for dialogue among its Member States and beyond. We are proud of what BSEC has achieved over the past years. And these achievements are the result of the collective and dedicated work of our Member States, Related Bodies/Affiliates Centers, Partner Organizations/Institutions, and last but not least the BSEC PERMIS Staff. As the Secretary General of the BSEC Permanent International Secretariat (PERMIS), I seize this opportunity to thank them all. We have done much together and will continue with determination to fulfill our duties as set in 1992 by the Heads of States or Governments and in line with the objectives and priorities defined in the BSEC Economic Agenda - Towards a sustainable future of the wider Black Sea area.

Lastly, needless to say that BSEC Organization will spare no efforts to continue to pave the road for peace, stability and prosperity in the Wider Black Sea region.

*Happy Anniversary BSEC!*