



ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION

Permanent International Secretariat

PRESS RELEASE
ON THE PARTICIPATION IN THE SECOND EDITION OF
"SAGARMANTHAN: THE GREAT OCEAN DIALOGUE"

Upon invitation by the organizers, BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu participated as speaker in the second edition of "Sagarmanthan: The Great Ocean Dialogue" organized in Mumbai on 27-29 October 2025, by the Mumbai based Observer Research Foundation(ORF) in collaboration with the Indian Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

Participants were ministers, other high level government officials from more than 60 countries, heads/representatives of international organizations, business, academia and think tanks. The generic topic of the conference was that of maritime connectivity, with substantive and forward looking debates carried out in several thematic panels such as developments in the area of transport, climate change and maritime decarbonization, initiatives and transport routes, financing of trade and connectivity projects, international cooperation in the area of connectivity, resilience in water transport etc.

In his contribution in the panel titled "Navigating Uncertainty: Collaborating for Maritime Resilience ", Ambassador Comanescu, while stressing the importance and need of enhanced efforts towards building up resilient connectivity networks, highlighted the relevance of the Black Sea region as a key connectivity hub and elaborated on BSEC's activities and projects in this area.

A presentation on BSEC's role and its activity and priorities in the area of connectivity was also made by the Secretary General in a conference on "Transnational Connectivity -Shaping Future Strategic Ties" organized on 29 October 2025 by the Mumbai based "Chintan Foundation" within India Maritime Week.