

## ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION

## Permanent International Secretariat

## PRESS RELEASE ON THE PARTICIPATION OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL IN THE 66th PABSEC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu participated in the 66<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of PABSEC held in Sofia on 23-25 November 2025.

The Meeting was hosted by the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria and was attended by the members of the national delegations to the PABSEC, representatives of BSEC Related Bodies, and PABSEC Observers.

Besides reviewing PABSEC's activities in the current semester, the General Assembly's agenda included two thematic items: Cooperation with the EU and other international organizations, respectively AI for sustainable development.

In his statement in the Plenary Session, the Secretary General informed the General Assembly of the activities of BSEC Organization since the last General Assembly held in Baku in June 2025, stressed the need of continued efforts by BSEC and BSEC Related Bodies aimed at coping with the challenges the BSEC region is confronted with, and expressed his appreciation for the fruitful cooperation between BSEC PERMIS and PABSEC International Secretariat. He also highlighted the importance of BSEC-EU cooperation and the need of further strengthening it.

On the sideline of the event, the Secretary General briefly exchanged with Foreign Minister H.E. Georg Georgiev of Bulgaria and BSEC current CIO as well as with H.E. Shalva Papuashvili, Speaker of Georgia's Parliament and President of PABSEC for the next six months.