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PRESS RELEASE
ON THE MEETING OF THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE CEI MEMBER STATES

BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu participated as special guest in the Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Central European Initiative (CEI) which took place in Belgrade on 26 November 2025.

The generic topic of the Meeting was “Empowering the CEI Region through Connectivity, Innovation and Integration”, under which the Ministers discussed the main strategic priorities for the CEI region for the coming years. A Joint Statement on enhancing regional cooperation with focus on connectivity, innovation, and European integration was adopted.

Addressing the meeting, BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu emphasized that in a rapidly evolving and challenging geopolitical landscape, cooperation, innovation, and interconnectedness are the foundations on which lasting prosperity and resilience can be achieved. He referred, in this context, to BSEC’s efforts on this score, highlighting that the strong partnership in this endeavor with the CEI has proven over time to be mutually beneficial and complementary. He referred to regional stability and economic development and said that improved transport links, digital infrastructure, and energy interconnections are essential to promoting cooperation and getting tangible results. He also touched upon the importance of an appropriate coordination among all the regional organizations active in Central Europe and Black Sea regions.

The Meeting concluded with the official handover of the CEI Presidency for 2026 to Romania.