



**PRESS RELEASE  
ON THE INTERNATIONAL AYDER ENERGY FORUM**

Upon invitation by the organizers, the BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu participated in the International Ayder Energy Forum held in Ayder (Republic of Türkiye) on 14-16 January 2026, under the auspices of the Governorship of Rize and Rize Municipality.

The Forum organized in cooperation with PABSEC, focused on the theme "Energy - Global Security and Diplomacy" and brought together high-level government representatives, parliamentarians, experts, universities, civil society and the private sector from BSEC Member States and other countries.

The discussions focused on energy supply security, the role of the Black Sea region in global energy dynamics, the interaction between energy policy and artificial intelligence, sustainable development and low/zero-carbon solutions and strategic energy competition in the Black Sea and Eurasia.

In his contribution to the debate, Ambassador Comanescu dwelled on the importance of the Black Sea region both in terms of energy resources and as a strategic supply and transport hub of energy. Highlighting in this context the role of the BSEC Organization in fostering cooperation in the area of energy as a top priority, he elaborated on the main lines of action there for as provided by the new BSEC Economic Agenda. He further stressed that as energy security stands at the crossroads of geopolitics, economics, and global stability, there is need of resolute action to prevent threats to and disruption of transport infrastructure and routes, respectively of energy markets and global supply chains.

The Secretary General also referred to the importance and relevance of BSEC cooperation with other bodies that belong to BSEC's family (PABSEC, BSTDB and ICBSS) as well as to enhancing the interaction with other regional and international organizations.