



ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION

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ON THE COURTESY VISIT BY  
THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE DEVELOPING-8 ORGANIZATION**

BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu received on 21 January 2026 the newly appointed Secretary General of the Developing-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation (D-8) Ambassador Sohail Mahmood, upon latter's request.

During the meeting, Ambassador Mahmood briefly touched upon the main areas of cooperation of the D-8 Organization, and expressed the willingness for closer cooperation between the two Organizations in line with the MoU concluded between BSEC and D-8 in 2015.

In his turn, Ambassador Comanescu congratulated Ambassador Mahmood on the assumption of his duties as the new Secretary General of the D-8 Organization. He briefly informed his interlocutor on the BSEC activities and recent developments therein. Both sides expressed interest towards closer BSEC - D-8 cooperation and their readiness to jointly work to this direction, in line with the provisions of the MoU.