



**PRESS RELEASE  
ON THE COURTESY VISIT OF THE CONSUL GENERAL  
OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION IN ISTANBUL**

BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu received on a courtesy visit on 23 January 2026, the new Consul General of the Russian Federation in Istanbul, Mr. Alexander Kalachev.

The Secretary General welcomed Mr. Kalachev and wished him every success in carrying out his mandate. The current BSEC activities and priorities were briefly reviewed on this occasion, with the Secretary General highlighting the importance of continued efforts towards further enhancing economic cooperation in the Black Sea area and of the role therein of the Russian Federation. He stressed in this context, the urgent need of bringing back peace in the region.