



**PRESS RELEASE ON
THE WORKING VISIT OF THE BSEC PERMIS SECRETARY GENERAL
TO TBILISI**

BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu paid a working visit to Tbilisi on 28-30 January 2026 within the framework of the Georgian Chairmanship-in-Office of BSEC, covering the period from 1 January to 30 June 2026. He was accompanied by the BSEC PERMIS Legal Advisor Ms. Nino Kajaia

Ambassador Comanescu had meetings with H.E. Irakli Kobakhidze, Prime Minister of Georgia; H.E Shalva Papuashvili, Chairman of the Parliament; H.E. Maka Botchorishvili, Minister of Foreign Affairs. He also held talks with Deputy Foreign Minister, Alexander Khvtisiashvili and Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development, Genadi Arveladze.

During these meetings the current developments in the Black Sea region and within BSEC were discussed, with particular focus on the program of work, objectives and activities of the Organization under the Georgian Chairmanship of BSEC.

Both sides reiterated their commitment to work closely together towards the implementation of those objectives. Ambassador Comanescu highlighted in this context that despite sensitivities and serious challenges still existing the region, the Organization has been able to make positive steps ahead and stressed the importance and need of continuing to build on what has been so far accomplished. While mentioning that there are still pending issues which require urgent solutions, he further stressed the importance of continued work and efforts towards enhancing the project-oriented character of the Organization, promoting the implementation of the provisions and goals of the BSEC Economic Agenda, promoting transport and energy connectivity, digital transformation, as well as facilitating trade between and through BSEC region.

The Secretary General assured the Georgian side PERMIS's full commitment to work intensively towards a successful Georgian Chairmanship of BSEC.

The Georgian side in their turn, briefed the BSEC PERMIS Delegation on Chairmanship's priorities which include strengthening regional connectivity, ensuring energy security, and enhancing the regional tourism potential and cultural ties. The Georgian Chairmanship of BSEC, will also work towards deepening regional dialog and strengthening the strategic role of the Black Sea as an integral part of European and global security.

These priorities as well as the Calendar of Events for the first half of the year will be formally presented by the Chairmanship-in-Office during the forthcoming Coordination Meeting to be held on 2 February 2026.