



**PRESS RELEASE
ON THE MEETING OF THE SECRETARIES GENERAL OF THE
BSEC PERMIS AND BSEC-URTA**

On 3 February 2026, BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu received Mr. Mehmet Uylukçu, Secretary General of the Union of Road Transport Associations in the BSEC Region (BSEC-URTA), upon the latter's request.

Secretary General Uylukçu informed about the priorities and plans of BSEC-URTA for the first semester of 2026, with particular focus on the 47th Meeting of the General Assembly to be held in Thessaloniki on 21-22 May 2026, hosted by the *Hellenic Federation of Road Transports* (OFAE).

Mr. Uylukçu also informed on the outcomes of the meeting of the BSEC-URTA Management Council, held on 23 January 2026 in Skopje, during which the BSEC-URTA International Secretariat and Management Council members outlined their priorities and established an action plan to be implemented by 2026.

Ambassador Comanescu underlined that BSEC attaches great importance to the cooperation with BSEC-URTA and confirmed his participation in the forthcoming General Assembly. In his turn, he invited BSEC-URTA to take part in the Meeting of the BSEC Member States participating in the BSEC Permit System and the Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Transport, to be held on 28-29 April 2026, with a focus on measures in support of road and passenger transport in the BSEC Region, as well as actions that are or could be taken to digitalize transport documents. He also invited BSEC-URTA to explore possibilities of developing a BSEC network of *road support emergency national call-centers*, which could help BSEC truck drivers in emergency needs.

The readiness was reiterated by both sides to continue to jointly work for further enhancing in taking practical steps, aimed at facilitating border crossings in the BSEC Region.