



**PRESS RELEASE
ON THE PARTICIPATION IN THE
5th EDITION OF THE ANTALYA DIPLOMACY FORUM (ADF2026)**

BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu was invited to and participated as speaker in the 5th Edition of the Antalya Diplomacy Forum (ADF2026) hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Türkiye in Antalya on 17-19 April 2026.

This year's theme was "Mapping Tomorrow, Managing Uncertainties" and emphasized on the need of identifying risks and opportunities, developing strategies and turning insights into action. ADF2026 brought together leaders, policymakers, diplomats, academics, business experts, media and civil society representatives from all over the world.

Ambassador Comanescu participated in the Panel "Refining Geo-economics: How to balance global & national priorities?". In his remarks, he touched upon the current period of disruption the world is crossing, referring to the economic and particularly the international dimension. He underlined the important and increasing role regional organizations play as regards to promoting better understanding and encouraging closer and more pragmatic cooperation. In this framework, he elaborated on BSEC activities, its Economic Agenda for the 2024-2033 decade, and the asset it represents in terms of economic cooperation. In his remarks, he also made reference to the economic dimension of security and the importance of economic cooperation in enhancing security.

On the sidelines of the ADF2026, Ambassador Comanescu had brief bilateral exchanges with Ms. Berris Ekinci, Deputy Foreign Minister of the Republic of Türkiye, as well as the heads of organizations like UNAOC, UfM, ECO and RCC. The Secretary General also exchanged views with the President of TOBB, Mr. Rıfat Hisarcıklıođlu, and held an interview with the Anadolu Agency (AA).

BSEC PERMIS First Deputy Secretary General Ambassador Dr.Merve Safa Kavakcı also attended the Antalya Diplomacy Forum and held an interview with the Anadolu Agency (AA).