



**PRESS RELEASE**  
**ON PARTICIPATION AT THE EXPERT FORUM ON**  
**CONNECTIVITY IN THE BLACK SEA REGION**

An Expert Forum on Connectivity in the Black Sea region, focusing in particular on transport and infrastructure development was held in Berlin on 23 April 2026. Invited by the organizers, BSEC PERMIS was represented in the Forum by Deputy Secretary General Ambassador Dimitrios Rallis.

The primary objective of the meeting was to examine the interaction among major international strategies – such as the EU Black Sea Strategy, the EU Strategy for the Danube Region, the Three Seas Initiative, and the Global Gateway. Discussions focused on the evolution of transport corridors, logistics, and infrastructure (road, rail, and maritime), especially in light of ongoing security challenges affecting seamless connectivity, including hinterland transport links.

In his address, Ambassador Rallis highlighted BSEC's priorities with regard to transport, in particular its efforts to enhance and modernize regional infrastructure through cooperation, while reinforcing the region's role as a vital bridge between Europe and Asia. He referred to the strong emphasis the BSEC Economic Agenda places on sustainable transport connectivity.

The need to ensure greater predictability in transport times, alongside efforts to accelerate procedures and reduce delays was a common wish expressed by participants throughout discussions.