



**PRESS RELEASE**  
**ON THE PARTICIPATION OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL IN**  
**THE 10<sup>th</sup> EDITION OF THE BLACK SEA AND BALKANS SECURITY FORUM**

Upon invitation by the New Strategy Center (NSC), the Romanian top think tank on international relations and security, BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu, participated in the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the NSC Black Sea and Balkans Security Forum held in Bucharest on 12-13 May 2026.

Participants were governmental high officials (current and former ministers/deputy ministers), parliamentarians, representatives of international/regional organizations as well as of thinktanks, academia and business community.

The forum was opened with an address by the President of Romania H.E. Nicusor Dan. A series of thematic panels followed with the first one bringing together the Romanian Foreign Minister H.E. Oana Toiu, and the Turkish Deputy Foreign Minister H.E. Mehmet Kemal Bozay.

The BSEC Secretary General was speaker in the Panel dedicated to “Unlocking the Black Sea Offshore Energy Resources and the Future of European Supply”. Welcoming the progress towards exploring and exploiting the offshore energy resources in the Black Sea, by riparian countries Romania, Türkiye, and Bulgaria, Ambassador Comanescu highlighted BSEC’s efforts towards promoting regional cooperation in the field of energy. He referred in this context to the need of correlation and synergies among the regional/international organizations and importance of regional ownership, respectively of building upon the initiatives and projects coming from the region itself and countries therein.