



**PRESS RELEASE
ON THE PARTICIPATION IN
THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF BALKAN AND BLACK SEA REGIONS**

The International Conference of Balkan and Black Sea Regions was held in Patras (Greece) on 27-29 May 2026, the event was jointly organized by the Balkan and Black Sea Commission (BBSC) of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR), BSEC PERMIS, and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC).

Participants from PERMIS were Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu, Deputy Secretary General Ambassador Dimitrios Rallis, and Executive Managers Ambassador Venera Domi and Ambassador Georgi Panayotov, who contributed actively to the proceedings and deliberations of the Conference.

The Conference brought together high-level representatives of regional authorities, governments, European institutions, international organizations, academia, business stakeholders, and civil society to discuss regional cooperation and sustainable development in the wider Balkan and Black Sea area.

The Conference adopted the "Patras Joint Statement on Strengthening Regional Cooperation in the Balkan and Black Sea Area", reaffirming the shared commitment of participants to deepen cooperation in areas such as transport connectivity, energy networks, climate resilience, sustainable tourism and Blue Economy development. The Statement also underlined the importance of enhanced cooperation between CPMR, BSEC and PABSEC, as well as the need for sustainable multilevel governance and long-term regional partnerships.