



PRESS RELEASE
ON PARTICIPATION IN THE SEESARI-UIC HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE
ON THE FUTURE OF RAIL TRANSPORT IN SOUTH-EAST EUROPE

The SEESARI-UIC High-Level Conference on the Future of Rail Transport in South-East Europe was held in Belgrade on 16-17 June 2026. Deputy Secretary General, Ambassador Dimitrios Rallis represented BSEC PERMIS at the Conference.

The Conference brought together government representatives, regional organizations, international financial institutions, and representatives of the logistics industry and the private sector, including along the path of the Middle corridor.

The need for coordinated action in setting priorities for projects, particularly in the areas of digital transformation and innovation, as well as the importance of strengthening transport links were among the key messages which emerged from the discussions. The importance of promoting also links with the corresponding rail connections was also highlighted.

During the discussions in framework of the panel on Financing Rail Modernization, Ambassador Rallis highlighted the importance attached by BSEC to strengthening links between the transport infrastructure of the Black Sea region and the wider European and Asian networks, as well as to promoting intermodal transport in view of its direct impact on transport costs, delivery times, and supply chains. Referring to the contribution that the BSEC Family can make in support of rail modernization, he underlined the potentially catalytic role of the Project Development Fund (PDF), as well as the Black Sea Trade and Development Bank (BSTDB). He concluded by referring to BSEC's readiness to continue and further strengthen its close cooperation with UIC.