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PRESS RELEASE
ON THE PARTICIPATION OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL
IN THE 64th MEETING OF THE BSEC-URTA MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazăr Comănescu participated in the 64th Meeting of the BSEC-URTA Management Council, held in Istanbul on 24 October 2024.

The Meeting was opened by Mr. Eduart Kasa, President of the BSEC-URTA.

Opening remarks were also made by Ambassador Lazăr Comănescu and Mr. Umberto de Pretto, Secretary General of the International Road Transport Union (IRU).

In the focus of the meeting was the European *Entry/Exit System (EES)*, expected to be introduced by the EU as of 2025. An exchange of views took place there upon with focus on its possible impact on road transport industry, particularly for BSEC-URTA members and ways to mitigate that impact as well as to turning it into an opportunity.

Participants were representatives of BSEC-URTA Member Associations from Greece, Moldova, North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, and Türkiye.

In his remarks, the BSEC PERMIS Secretary General highlighted the importance of digitalization and other innovative tools for facilitating border-crossing procedures and transport of goods in the BSEC region. He reiterated, in this context, the invitation to IRU and BSEC-URTA to take part in the forthcoming Meetings of the BSEC Member States participating in the Permit system (5 November) and the Steering Committee on Facilitation of Road Transport of Goods (6 November).