



**PRESS RELEASE ON THE VISIT OF THE BSEC PERMIS  
SECRETARY GENERAL AMBASSADOR LAZĂR COMĂNESCU TO  
THE GOVERNOR OF ISTANBUL MR. ALI YERLİKAYA AND  
TO THE MAYOR OF ISTANBUL MR. EKREM İMAMOĞLU**

The Secretary General of the BSEC PERMIS Ambassador Lazăr COMĂNESCU paid courtesy visits to the Governor of Istanbul, Mr. ALI YERLİKAYA respectively to the Mayor of Istanbul Mr. Ekrem İMAMOĞLU on 15 September 2021.

Secretary General COMĂNESCU reiterated to both the Governor YERLİKAYA and to the Mayor İMAMOĞLU his gratitude for the strong support extended by the authorities of the Republic of Turkey, as the Host Country of the Headquarters of the Organization, in providing the BSEC Permanent International Secretariat a most conducive working environment. In this context, the Secretary General made a brief presentation of the main objectives of BSEC for the next period, aimed at further strengthening the relevance and the contribution of this Organization to the development of economic cooperation in the Black Sea area.

Both Governor YERLİKAYA and Mayor İMAMOĞLU expressed their appreciation for the activity of BSEC. They also reassured the Secretary General of BSEC PERMIS of the determination of Istanbul authorities to continue to closely cooperate with and support PERMIS and to carefully consider any possible proposal for further facilitating the functioning of BSEC.