



PRESS RELEASE
ON THE WEBINAR ON “CLIMATE CRISIS: NATURAL HAZARDS, CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT AND COUNTERMEASURES IN THE BLACK SEA REGION”

The Webinar on “Climate crisis: natural hazards, climate change impact and countermeasures in the Black Sea region” organized by the International Center for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS), was held online on 12 October 2021.

The Webinar, moderated by Mr. Renaud Layadi, Senior Adviser, Brittany Region (France), CPMR Climate Task Force Coordination Team, aimed at bringing together stakeholders from the Black Sea countries, regional and international organizations to share the latest data on climate change and natural hazards in the region, as well as to discuss mitigation measures and a socio-economic response.

Invited by the ICBSS Director General Mr. Georgios Mitrakos, the BSEC PERMIS Secretary General, Ambassador Lazar Comanescu, made introductory remarks, emphasizing that changes in the global climate exacerbate climate hazards and amplify the risk of extreme weather disasters and that the Black Sea region has not been spared. Only during the current year, the region witnessed unprecedented waves of wildfires, floods, muddy torrents, overgrowth of marine mucilage. Ambassador Comanescu further continued saying that there should be thorough thinking on how to radically alter relationship with nature for the better, and find solutions to the three planetary crises that threaten collective future: the climate crisis, the biodiversity and nature crisis, and the pollution and waste crisis. He underlined that it is only in addressing these three closely connected crises scaling up to a sustainable consumption and production that we can truly build resilience. He assured that BSEC has already taken action toward reaching the level of coordination needed to achieve setup goals through relevant working groups and joint projects with other international organizations and institutions.

The participants of the Webinar seized the opportunity to share concerns and experiences in a constructive spirit of openness on the very important and alarming subject of Climate Crisis.

In the margins of the Webinar, the Secretary General together with his Deputy Ambassador Traian Chebeleu, also held a bilateral meeting with the Director of the ICBSS Mr. Georgios Mitrakos and discussed issues on further collaboration between the two institutions.