



**PRESS RELEASE**  
**ON THE VISIT OF MR. OLIVIER GAUVIN**  
**CONSUL GENERAL OF FRANCE IN ISTANBUL**

The BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu received Mr. Olivier GAUVIN, Consul General of France in Istanbul, on 12 January 2022 at the PERMIS headquarters.

While welcoming France's interest to renew its status as BSEC Observer, Ambassador Comanescu briefly informed the interlocutor on the latest developments in the economic cooperation in the Black Sea area. Both sides highlighted, in this context, the importance of the cooperation between BSEC and Observers, with particular emphasis on the cooperation with EU countries and EU itself.

The meeting took place in a friendly and constructive atmosphere.