



PRESS RELEASE
ON THE WORKING VISIT OF THE BSEC PERMIS
SECRETARY GENERAL AMBASSADOR LAZAR COMANESCU
TO ANKARA

The Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu met with the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Director for EU Affairs of the Republic of Turkey, H.E. Ambassador Faruk Kaymakçı at a working lunch in Ankara on 17 February 2022.

The two sides exchanged views and discussed various issues related to BSEC, focusing mainly on the preparations of the Summit to be held on the occasion of the 30th Anniversary of the BSEC Organization. In this connection, the adoption of a substantive Declaration at the Summit; updating the BSEC Economic Agenda; approving long term pending draft documents such as the Regional Trade Facilitation Strategy and the Single Window Cooperation; further rendering the Organization and its working methods more efficient; revitalizing the Business Council; the possibility of organizing a Business Forum on the sidelines of the Summit and possible other events to celebrate the BSEC Anniversary were, among others, some of the issues discussed.

The Secretary General also co-hosted with the H.E. Ambassador Dmitri Croitor of the Republic of Moldova, the current BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office, a working breakfast on 18 February 2022 with the Ambassadors of the BSEC Member States. The event was honored by the participation of the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Director for EU Affairs of the Republic of Turkey, H.E. Ambassador Faruk Kaymakçı. The working breakfast represented the first physical meeting with the Member States after a very long interval due to the pandemic.

Ambassador Croitor made a presentation of the Priorities of the Moldovan Chairmanship-in-Office. The Secretary General Ambassador Comanescu, in addressing the Ambassadors, gave an overview of plans and expectations for the current year marking the 30th Anniversary of BSEC. He also underscored his intention to work closely with the Member States represented by the Ambassadors and requested their support in commemorating this important year. The Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Ambassador Kaymakçı welcomed the initiative of co-hosting the first BSEC breakfast and suggested it should become a tradition. He also announced that the Summit would be held on 27 June 2022 in Istanbul and highlighted some of the desired tangible outcomes of the 30th Anniversary Summit.

While in Ankara, the Secretary General also had the opportunity to meet with the Ambassador of the French Republic H.E. Herve Magro and the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany H.E. Jürgen Schulz, as well as H.E. Ambassador Nikolaus Meyer Landrut, Head of the EU Delegation and Mr. Cristian Urse, Head of the Council of Europe Program Office.