



**PRESS RELEASE ON THE
BSEC PERMIS CONSULTATIONS WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ROAD FEDERATION (IRF)
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On 4 April 2022 the BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu held informal online consultations with Mrs. Susanna Zammataro, Director General of the International Road Federation (IRF), with the aim to further coordinate efforts and cooperation, based on the *Memorandum of Understanding*, signed between BSEC and IRF in 2006. The responsible experts of both entities participated in the event.

In his introductory remarks, Ambassador Comanescu referred to the latest developments in the Black Sea area, which generated great concerns and stressed that the solution to current crisis can only be found through diplomacy and negotiations. Returning back to a cooperative environment in the region would thus be possible.

As to the cooperation between BSEC and IRF, the PERMIS Secretary General while expressing his high appreciation for the achievements so far, reconfirmed BSEC's interest in the further enhancement of this fruitful relationship.

In this context, Ambassador Comanescu and Director General Zammataro exchanged views on prospects for the future cooperation and shared information regarding the activities and plans envisaged by the two organizations, with particular focus on the 30th Anniversary of the BSEC Organization, the forthcoming ITF 2022 Summit 'Transport for Inclusive Societies' (18-20 May 2022, Leipzig, Germany) and the next IRF World Congress, to be hosted in Istanbul in 2024.

While underlining the readiness of their organizations to continue and intensify their working contacts, the BSEC PERMIS Secretary General and the IRF Director General confirmed that both of them envisage to participate in the ITF 2022 in Leipzig and agreed to use this very good opportunity to also meet the newly elected President of IRF.