



**PRESS RELEASE  
ON THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
"BLACK SEA - NEW CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES"**

The BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu, was invited and participated in the Annual Conference "Black Sea - New Challenges and Opportunities", which took place in Tbilisi on 1 December 2022.

The event was organized by the EU-Georgia Business Council (EUGBC) and had as main objective the launch of the "Black Sea Platform" (BSP), an initiative for cooperation and projects development in the wider Black Sea region particularly in the area of connectivity, energy, environment, etc.

Attendance included Senior officials from the host country, Ambassadors in Georgia of several BSEC Member States and the EU, as well as representatives of other international institutions and business community.

In this statement, Ambassador Lazar Comanescu appreciated that the establishment of the BSP is a welcome initiative as its aims at further enhancing the economic cooperation in the Black Sea area.

The conference was attended by 150 participants.