



PRESS RELEASE
ON THE 16th COORDINATION MEETING OF REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

On 8 December 2022, the BSEC PERMIS hosted the 16th Coordination Meeting of Regional Organizations, which was attended by the representatives of the Adriatic Ionian Initiative (AII), the Central European Initiative (CEI) and the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM).

The overall objective of the Meeting was to stimulate and facilitate discussions on activities in promoting regional dialogue and cooperation, as well as strengthening the project-oriented capacity of the regional organizations in areas of common interest.

Among the topics discussed were activities related to connectivity, climate change, environmental protection, UN SDGs and the results of COP27, as well as project development and implementation.

In his opening speech, the BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu, while elaborating on BSEC's activities and lessons learned during the last 30 years, as well as on its future activities and priorities, highlighted the importance BSEC attaches to the interaction and cooperation with other regional organizations the aims of which are similar or mutually reinforcing.

All Organizations agreed on strengthening their cooperation and synergies for the benefit of their respective Member States. The offer of AII and CEI to host the coordination meetings of 2023 and 2024 respectively was welcomed by the participants.