



PRESS RELEASE
ON THE FOURTH EDITION OF THE BALKANS AND BLACK SEA FORUM

The BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu participated as a keynote speaker in the Fourth Edition of the Balkans and Black Sea Forum which took place in Athens on 13-14 December 2022.

The Forum was set up as a flagship economic platform for bringing together leading representatives of public and private sectors to interact and exchange views, review challenges, assess their impact and identify opportunities and ways to promote economic development and cooperation in the Balkan and Black Sea regions.

This year's edition of the Forum focused on topics such as: regional economic cooperation-integration; energy supply and security; environment; innovation and technology; connectivity and infrastructure; global challenges and their impact on The Balkan and Black Sea region.

In his intervention, the Secretary General concentrated on the topic of regional cooperation and integration. While informing about the activities and contribution of BSEC, over its 30 years of existence, to the development of the economic cooperation in the Black Sea Region, he highlighted that particular attention should be paid in the future to the cooperation in the areas of infrastructure-connectivity, energy and environment-climate change; better coordination and correlation among the regional organizations active in the BSEC/Balkan regions; identification of and enhancing complementarities; long term and project-oriented approach; enhancing the role of the entrepreneurial community.

In the margins of his participation in the Forum, Ambassador Comanescu had fruitful bilateral exchanges with the Secretaries General of International Road Transport Union (IRU) and Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR) respectively.