



PRESS RELEASE
ON THE BLACK SEA SECURITY CONFERENCE IN THE DANISH PARLIAMENT

Upon invitation by the Center for Science and Commercial Diplomacy (CSCD), the BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu participated, via video as keynote speaker, in the “**Black Sea Security**” Conference which took place on 12 January 2023, in Copenhagen, in the Danish Parliament.

The Conference brought together prominent Members of Parliament, Ambassadors and other Diplomats in Copenhagen, Governmental, Civil Society and Business Representatives, as well as Experts, to exchange views on challenges and opportunities in the wider Black Sea Region and their implications for various aspects of Black Sea and broader European security.

In his address to the participants, Ambassador Comanescu, while referring to the current unfortunate developments in the Black Sea Region, particularly the war in Ukraine, and their impact which goes beyond the BSEC area, stressed the importance of and focused on the economic dimension of security, especially in terms of trade and security of trade flows, energy and food security, and migration. He highlighted in this context, the role and efforts of BSEC in promoting economic cooperation and integration as a key not only to bringing benefits in terms of prosperity, but also to enhancing stability, mutual understanding and good neighbourly relations - that is security. Cooperation, he further said, does not exclude competition, but it needs to be a fair one and not one for control or domination.