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**PRESS RELEASE**  
**ON THE WORKING VISIT OF THE BSEC PERMIS SECRETARY GENERAL**  
**AMBASSADOR LAZAR COMANESCU TO ANKARA**

The BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu met in Ankara with Ambassador Mehmet Kemal Bozay, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Director for EU Affairs of the Republic of Türkiye, on 31 March 2023.

An exchange of views took place on this occasion on the current developments in BSEC region, including on upcoming meeting of the Committee of Senior Officials of the Member States. The importance of updating the BSEC Economic Agenda and the need of the revitalization of the BSEC Business Council were highlighted in this context. The issue of granting/renewal of Observer respectively SDP status to several Countries and Organizations was discussed as well.

BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Comanescu and Deputy Minister Bozay also discussed and welcomed the opportunity for a close interaction in the perspective of the exercising by Türkiye of the BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office in the second half of 2023.