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**PRESS RELEASE  
ON THE 15<sup>th</sup> ISTANBUL SECURITY CONFERENCE 2023**

Upon invitation, the BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu participated in the 15<sup>th</sup> Istanbul Security Conference 2023 “Navigating Conflict in an Interdependent Region” organized in Istanbul on 24 April 2023, by Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation Türkiye, a long-lasting partner of PERMIS, and Başkent University (Ankara).

Attendance included senior officials and Members of the Parliament from the host country and abroad, ambassadors and other diplomats accredited in Türkiye, from BSEC Member States and Observers; representatives of different universities, think tanks, NGO and business communities.

In his contribution as panelist to the debate on “Opportunities and challenges in the wider Black Sea Region: Cooperation or....?”, Ambassador Comanescu highlighted the importance of the economic dimension of security. He further elaborated on BSEC’s contribution to the regional cooperation, dialog and understanding with focus on the efforts and actions needed to overcome the difficulties generated by the current situation in the region.