



**PRESS RELEASE**  
**ON THE PARTICIPATION OF THE BSEC PERMIS SECRETARY GENERAL**  
**AT THE DELPHI ECONOMIC FORUM VIII<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**

The BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu participated as a panelist in the VIII<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Delphi Economic Forum, which took place on 26-29 April 2023 in Delphi (Greece).

The Forum was launched with the opening statement by H.E. Katerina Sakellariopoulou, President of the Hellenic Republic. High profile speakers held meaningful discussions on the world affairs, geopolitical developments and economy.

Ambassador Comanescu was panelist in the sessions on “Securing the Black Sea” and “Battle for the Black Sea - the Strategic Importance of the Region in the Context off the War in Ukraine” where he highlighted the importance of the economic dimension of security and the role of BSEC there through fostering economic cooperation. He emphasized the importance of energy, including security of energy supply, economic cooperation, trade and security of trade flows and routes as well as of food security.

He concluded by once again underlining the important role BSEC plays, reminding the participants that the region covered by the territories of BSEC Members States is of paramount geostrategic importance, extending from the Caspian to the Adriatic seas, and encompassing all countries around Black Sea, the Caucasus and the South Balkans.

On the sidelines of the Forum, Secretary General Comanescu held bilateral talks with the Greek Deputy Foreign Minister H.E. Konstantinos Fragkogiannis. He also had brief exchanges with high officials from the European Commission, International Office of Migration, heads of think tanks such as Elcano (Madrid) and NSC (Bucharest).