



ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION

Permanent International Secretariat

**MESSAGE BY THE BSEC PERMIS SECRETARY GENERAL
AMBASSADOR LAZAR COMANESCU ON THE BSEC DAY**

Dear Friends of BSEC,

We celebrate today, the 25th of June, the “BSEC Day”. 31 years to the day have passed since the establishment of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC). As the only full-fledged Organization that covers the wider Black Sea region, expanding from the Balkans to the Caucasus, BSEC asserted itself as a most useful platform for regional economic cooperation and dialogue, to the benefit of its Member States and their citizens. BSEC has achieved much in the three decades of its existence. Together with its Related Bodies and in close cooperation with its Observers, Sectoral Dialogue Partners and other regional and international institutions, our Organization has built up valuable partnerships and accomplished projects of high relevance.

While BSEC is now recognized as a most important actor in our region and beyond, strengthening it further has become a necessity under the current circumstances and even more so when considering the future, including and particularly the need of a swift restoration of peace and stability as a prerequisite of prosperity in our common home of the Black Sea.

As Secretary General of this unique Organization, I would like to take the opportunity of this Anniversary Day, to wholeheartedly thank the BSEC Member States without whose guidance, support and commitment, this Organization would not have reached its well-deserved place on the international arena. Special thanks go also to our observers and partner countries and organizations, with whom we work hand in hand to offer a more sustainable world to the future generations.

To many more years BSEC!