



**PRESS RELEASE
ON THE INTERNATIONAL ROAD TRANSPORT:
DRIVING RESILIENCE AND PROSPERITY**

The BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu participated in the Conference “International Road Transport: Driving Resilience and Prosperity”, organized in Tashkent on 13 September 2023, by the Association of International Road Carriers of Uzbekistan (AIRCUIZ) and the International Road Transport Union (IRU).

The event brought together IRU members, international organizations, development partners and international financial institutions, and addressed challenges and opportunities in connectivity, transport and transit multimodal corridors, linking East and West, North and South, with particular focus on resilience of supply chains, digitalization of commercial transport and customs procedures. Possible actions were discussed in this context to further strengthen cooperation between public and private sectors, and enhance transport connectivity and supply chain resilience in times of rapid change.

Addressing the main plenary session, entitled “Resilience of supply chains in times of crisis”, the BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu highlighted that in its activity, BSEC has been concentrated on the real problems affecting road-transport in the region, like border-crossing delays, lack of digitalization, and lack of information exchange. He underlined that BSEC projects, such as the Facilitation of Road Transport of Goods and the BSEC Permit System, constitute concrete contributions to the extension and development of Trans-European Networks and the Euro-Asian area.

On the sidelines of the Conference, Ambassador Comanescu met with IRU President Mr. Radu Dinescu, IRU Secretary General Mr. Umberto de Pretto, BSEC-URTA President Mr. Eduart Kasa, Secretary General of the Permanent Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA Mr. Asset Assavbayev, and with the representatives of other international organizations and institutions.