



PRESS RELEASE
ON THE WORKSHOP FOR YOUNG DIPLOMATS
FROM THE BSEC MEMBER STATES ON “THE IMPORTANCE OF CONNECTIVITY
IN THE WIDER BLACK SEA REGION”

The sixth edition of the Workshop for Young Diplomats from the BSEC Member States, jointly organized by BSEC PERMIS and the Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation Türkiye (KAS), was held in Antalya, on 4-6 October 2023. The topic of this edition was “*The Importance of Connectivity in the wider Black Sea Region*”.

The Workshop provided a most valuable opportunity for emphasizing the importance of regional cooperation and the role the young diplomats may have as future foreign policy decision-makers in promoting and strengthening this cooperation in the Black Sea area. It also provided a very good opportunity for networking.

Besides top representatives from BSEC PERMIS and KAS, participants as speakers/moderators were senior officials and high-level experts from the region and beyond as well as from the Council of Europe, and Think Tanks and Academia.

In their welcoming speeches, the BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu and Mr. Walter Glos, Director of KAS Türkiye, underlined the importance and value of events like this Workshop as a most precious “investment” for the future and as vehicles for promoting the spirit of friendship and good neighbourliness between young diplomats from the BSEC Member States.