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PRESS RELEASE
ON THE PARTICIPATION OF THE BSEC SECRETARY GENERAL
IN THE TBILISI SILK ROAD FORUM

Upon invitation by the Government of Georgia, the BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu participated as panelist in the Tbilisi Silk Road Forum, organized in Tbilisi on 25-27 October 2023.

The Forum, which reached its 4th edition, was opened with a statement by H.E. Irakli Garibashvili, the Prime Minister of Georgia. The Prime Ministers of the Republic of Armenia, Republic of Azerbaijan and Montenegro also addressed the Forum. Participants in the Forum were minister/deputy ministers, high level representatives of international institutions such as: UNWTO, EIB, EBRD, ADB, the Gulf Cooperation Council, ambassadors and other diplomats accredited in Tbilisi, representatives of business communities, Think Tanks and Academia.

The Forum continued in several thematic panels with high profile speakers focused on the new architecture of the East-West Trade, increasing role of the Middle Corridor, digital connectivity, and diversification in the energy sector, tourism sustainability, and diversified investments for resilient future.

Ambassador Comanescu participated in the Ministerial Panel on “**Trade4Future**” where he highlighted the role and contribution of BSEC Organization in developing economic cooperation and trade in the BSEC area as well as the role of the region as hub for global trade and connectivity. He referred in this context to projects developed or on which work is in progress within BSEC such as “Regional Trade Facilitation Strategy for the BSEC Region”, “Framework for BSEC Single Window Cooperation”, “Framework for BSEC E-commerce Cooperation” and the “BSEC PERMIT System.”