



PRESS RELEASE
**ON THE 42nd MEETING OF THE BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND
A STUDY VISIT TO THE ALAT PORT**

Upon invitation by the Union of Road Transport Associations in the BSEC Region (BSEC-URTA), the BSEC PERMIS participated in the 42nd Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly, held in Baku on 27 October 2023, hosted by the *Azerbaijan International Road Carriers Association* (ABADA), which this year marks its 30th Anniversary.

In his address to the Assembly, the BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu, underlined that the fruitful cooperation of BSEC with the IRU, BSEC-URTA and their member associations, are the most convincing proof of how important and beneficial joint efforts of the public and private sectors are in seeking innovative approach for the improvement of regional transport infrastructure networks and increase of the transit capacity of the regional trade flows. The growing partnership of BSEC with BSEC-URTA translated into concrete projects and actions in the area of road transport, among which he particularly mentioned the BSEC Permit System, digitalization of transport documents, border-crossing facilitation.

The General Assembly evaluated the BSEC-URTA activities since its previous Meeting held in Batumi on 9 June 2023, approved the Minutes of its 41st Meeting as well as the BSEC-URTA Budget 2024, and took note of the report on the outcome of the meeting of the BSEC-URTA Management Council, held prior to the General Assembly.

On 28 October 2023, the participants to the BSEC-URTA General Assembly took part in the Study visit to the Alat Port, which actively supports the development of trade, logistics, and supply chains, spurring regional connections along the Middle Corridor, linking Asia and Europe.

The next Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly will be held in spring 2024 in Tirana, Albania.