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**ON THE PARTICIPATION OF THE BSEC PERMIS SECRETARY GENERAL IN THE
ROUND TABLE ON THE OECD REPORT ON "REALISING THE POTENTIAL OF
THE MIDDLE CORRIDOR"**

On 6 November 2023 BSEC PERMIS, the BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu participated in a Round Table on the OECD Report on "Realizing the Potential of the Middle Corridor" organized and hosted by the OECD Istanbul Centre.

Addressing the participants, the Secretary General focused on the recent activities carried on within the BSEC with regard to trade and transport facilitation. He also highlighted that there are many issues and challenges of common nature in the vital areas of trade and transport, where joint efforts of BSEC and other international organizations, such as UNECE, OECD, IRU, TRACECA, etc. could bring benefit to all involved stakeholders. The Secretary General also underlined BSEC Region's role as the "bridge" between Europe and Asia, and made his appeal for consideration of complementarity instead of competition or rivalry when it comes to implementation of significant inter-regional projects, including also Middle Corridor.

The event was attended by the representatives of government, experts, development partners from the trade, transport and logistics sphere of Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan and Türkiye, as well as regional and international organizations.