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**PRESS RELEASE**  
**ON THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE**  
**CENTRAL EUROPEAN INITIATIVE (CEI)**

The BSEC PERMIS Deputy Secretary General Ambassador Dimitrios Rallis represented BSEC at the Annual Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Central European Initiative (CEI) which took place in Chisinau, on 22 November 2023.

The main topics discussed at the Meeting were the enlargement of the European Union and the role of CEI in this process, the situation in the region, the consequences of the war in Ukraine as well as the need to promote CEI mechanisms within the framework of strengthening regional cooperation.

In his address to the Meeting, the BSEC PERMIS Deputy Secretary General highlighted the importance of regional economic cooperation and interaction for promoting stability, mutual understanding and good neighborly relations and, in the final analysis, security. Underlining the significance for this purpose of the regular coordination among regional economic organizations, he mentioned that after the one hosted by PERMIS in December 2022, the next meeting of this kind will take in Ancona on 5.12.2023.