



**PRESS RELEASE
ON THE 17th COORDINATION MEETING OF REGIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS**

The BSEC PERMIS participated in the 17th Coordination Meeting of Regional Organizations hosted by the Adriatic-Ionian Initiative (AII) in Ancona, Italy, on 5 December 2023.

The Meeting was attended also by the Central European Initiative (CEI), the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC), the Association of Adriatic Universities (UNIADRION), the Forum of the Adriatic and Ionian Chambers of Commerce (AIC) and the Forum of Adriatic and Ionian Cities (FAIC).

The overall objective of the Meeting was to exchange views and information on the activities carried out by each of these organizations as well as to discuss possibilities and modalities to further enhance synergies, interaction and coordination in areas of common interest.

Areas such as connectivity, blue economy, youth, skills, digitalization as well as project development and implementation were identified as offering the highest potential in this respect. The role of the civil society as well as the importance of the cooperation with the European Union were also highlighted.

The BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu focused on the importance BSEC attaches to the interaction and cooperation with other regional organizations the aims of which are similar or mutually reinforcing and advanced concrete proposals for enhancement of this cooperation.

Participants agreed to continue strengthening their cooperation and synergies for the benefit of their respective Member States. The CEI representative reiterated its readiness to host the next Coordination Meeting in Trieste in 2024.

During the Meeting, a Letter of Intent for further strengthening the cooperation between the BSEC PERMIS and AII Permanent Secretariat has been signed.