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**PRESS RELEASE ON
THE PARTICIPATION IN THE CIRCLE THE MED FORUM**

BSEC PERMIS Deputy Secretary General Ambassador Dimitrios Rallis participated in the 7th edition of the Circle the Med Forum, held in Athens on 18-19 January 2024, and moderated the Dialogue Panel on “Key Challenges in the Mediterranean and Black Sea Regions”.

The Circle the Med Forum is promoting the concept of circular economy as well as the goals of smooth energy transition and the carbon neutrality in the wider region, through networking and exchanging best practices. This year’s edition of the Forum has been expanded to include the wider Black Sea region.

In his introductory statement, Ambassador Rallis referring to the climate change challenges underlined the need for a wider effort of all countries of the Mediterranean and the BSEC regions so as to appropriately tackle them. The discussions held during the panel gave the opportunity to the participants and the audience to refer to the need for the international and regional organizations to increase their efforts to urgently promote environmental protection measures amidst the difficult political and security challenges especially connected with the wars in Ukraine and the Middle East.

The Forum attracted wide interest in the media and the scientific community.