



**PRESS RELEASE
ON THE OFFICIAL START OF
THE ALBANIAN CHAIRMANSHIP-IN-OFFICE OF BSEC
(January – June 2024)**

The Coordination Meeting of the Albanian BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office with the BSEC Committee of Senior Officials, the BSEC Related Bodies and the BSEC PERMIS took place in the BSEC Headquarters on 31 January 2024.

The Meeting, which was the first official one under the Albanian Chairmanship was chaired by H.E. Mr. Besart Kadia, Deputy Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Albania.

The BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu, in his opening remarks warmly congratulated the Albanian Chairmanship, conveyed to it the best wishes of success and reassured of PERMIS's readiness and commitment to fully support and closely collaborate with the Chairmanship in fulfilling their mandate.

Deputy Minister Besart Kadia presented the Priorities of the Albanian BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office (1 January – 30 June 2024), in line with the Chairmanship's motto "Coming together for a peaceful cooperation in the BSEC area" and with a view to promote cooperation among member states for finding joint solutions on difficult issues.

Headlines of the priorities are as follows:

- Strengthening efficiency and effectiveness of the Organization
- Facilitation of bilateral, regional and inter-regional dialogue
- Furthering interaction between BSEC-EU
- Strengthening the economic, transport and energy cooperation
- Strengthening tourism and cultural cooperation
- Strengthening the external relations of the BSEC Secretariat

For full text of the Albanian priorities please visit:

<https://www.bsec-organization.org/chairmanship>

The meeting also approved the calendar of events during the Albanian Chairmanship-in-Office.