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**PRESS RELEASE**  
**ON THE OFFICIAL START OF**  
**THE AZERBAIJANI CHAIRMANSHIP-IN-OFFICE OF BSEC**  
**(1 January – 30 June 2025)**

The Coordination Meeting of the Azerbaijani BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office with the BSEC Committee of Senior Officials, the BSEC Related Bodies and the BSEC PERMIS took place online, on 10 February 2025.

The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Emin Mammadov, Head of Regional Cooperation Division, Department of Economic Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu, in his opening remarks conveyed his best wishes of successes to the Azerbaijani Chairmanship and reassured it of PERMIS's full support in fulfilling their mandate.

The Director of the Department of Economic Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Elmar Mammadov, presented the Priorities of the Chairmanship-in-Office under the motto "*Strengthening Connectivity, Driving Growth: Transport at the Core of BSEC's Future*".

The priorities are as follows:

- **Improving the Efficiency of the Organization** (facilitating trade and transport, promoting coordination and cooperation, and strengthening ties with UN Institutions)
- **Good Governance** (continue advancing transparency, accountability, and innovation in governance through regional cooperation)
- **Connectivity** (advancing efficient, reliable, and safe transit and transportation services)
- **Environment and Climate Action** (prioritizing cooperation on environmental protection and climate action, guided by the BSEC Working Group on Environmental Protection and building on Azerbaijan's COP29 priorities, including the Baku Climate Unity Pact (Baku Pact) and COP29 Presidency Initiatives).

For full text of the Azerbaijani priorities please visit:

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

The meeting approved the calendar of events during the Azerbaijani Chairmanship-in-Office:

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