



**PRESS RELEASE**

**ON THE MEETING OF THE BSEC WORKING GROUP ON TRANSPORT**

The Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Transport was held online on 26 March 2025, with the participation of experts from the BSEC Member States, BSEC Related Bodies, Observers, as well as from international organizations, such as: the *United Nations Economic Commission for Europe* (UNECE), the *International Transport Forum* (ITF), the *International Road Transport Union* (IRU), the *International Road Federation* (IRF), the *Union of Road Transport Associations in the BSEC Region* (BSEC-URTA), the *Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development* (OECD), and the *Permanent Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Commission* (IGC) TRACECA.

The participants took note of the Evaluation Report on implementation of its Plan of Action for the period of 1 January 2023 – 31 December 2024, presented by Ukraine (Country-Coordinator of the Working Group), as well as the Report and Recommendation on “Transport Infrastructure as a Means of Development in the BSEC Member States”, adopted by the PABSEC General Assembly in Yerevan on 11 December 2024.

The participants also discussed recent developments in transport and logistics, new government policies and business measures affecting transport, road safety issues, practical ways on the introduction of advanced technologies responding to the needs of the BSEC region, development of road transport infrastructure and border-crossing facilitation measures in the BSEC region, cooperation with international transport organizations, and other related issues.

The BSEC PERMIS Deputy Secretary General Ambassador Dimitrios Rallis, in his opening address, highlighted that transport is an important sector where much has still to be done in a coordinated and, thus more effective way. In this context he stressed that there are many issues and challenges of common interest where joint efforts of BSEC and other international organizations, like UNECE, IRF, ITF, IRU, BSEC-URTA, OECD, TRACECA could be of paramount significance for decisively facilitating the trade and transport of goods in the wider BSEC region.