



PRESS RELEASE
ON PARTICIPATION AT THE “BURGAS CONNECTIVITY FORUM 2026
CONNECTING NATIONS: CITIES, CORRIDORS AND GATEWAYS: EUROPE’S
STRATEGIC CONNECTIVITY AND THE BLACK SEA”

Upon the invitation received from Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) Bulgaria, BSEC PERMIS First Deputy Secretary General Ambassador Dr. Merve Kavakcı represented BSEC PERMIS at the “Burgas Connectivity Forum 2026 Connecting Nations: Cities, Corridors and Gateways: Europe’s Strategic Connectivity and the Black Sea” held in Burgas on 27-28 May 2026.

The forum was attended by both local and international participants from a wide range of backgrounds, including policy makers, academics, politicians, and members of the media. The two-day forum unpacked a variety of issues pertinent to connectivity and the needs of the rapidly changing world.

Ambassador Kavakcı made a speech on “Advancing Black Sea Connectivity: Regional Cooperation and Economic Integration” under the panel discussion of “Burgas’ Vision for Connected Cities-Mobility, Ports, Universities, and Digital Solutions for the Future”. In her intervention, she emphasized on the need for strengthening international organizations such as BSEC for overcoming challenges of the region and economic development for all parties involved.