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PRESS RELEASE
ON THE BSEC PERMIS SECRETARY GENERAL'S PARTICIPATION IN THE
47th MEETING OF THE BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Upon invitation by the Union of Road Transport Associations in the BSEC Region (BSEC-URTA), the BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu participated in the 47th Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly, held in Thessaloniki on 22 May 2026, hosted by the Hellenic Federation of Road Transports (OFAE), which this year marks its 90th Anniversary.

The General Assembly brought together high-level representatives of the international road transport industry in the BSEC region.

While providing the opportunity to assess recent regional and global developments affecting road transport and logistics, the General Assembly also reviewed the BSEC-URTA activities since its previous Meeting (Cappadocia, 9 October 2025) and approved the Minutes there of, as well as the report of BSEC-URTA Management Council that preceded the General Assembly.

Addressing the Assembly, Ambassador Comanescu, expressed his appreciation for cooperation with BSEC-URTA and its member associations, underlining that this cooperation may be looked at as good example or a source of inspiration for building strong partnerships between public institutions and business/entrepreneurial communities, i.e. public-private partnerships. He particularly focused on the need of finding appropriate answers to the challenges road transport faces. He emphasized in this context the relevance of concrete joint projects like the BSEC Permit System, as well as the need of further resolute steps aimed at the facilitation of border crossings in the region, especially under the current circumstances, when not only regional but also global challenges are affecting/reshaping transport and communication systems and routes, including those in the wider Black Sea region and its neighbor the Middle East.

The next Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly will be held in autumn 2026 in Türkiye.