



**PRESS RELEASE**  
**ON THE CONFERENCE «ROAD TO THE FUTURE:  
CONNECTIVITY, DIGITALIZATION AND GREEN LOGISTICS»**

The BSEC PERMIS Deputy Secretary General Ambassador Dimitrios Rallis participated in the Conference “*Road to the future: Connectivity, digitalization and green logistics*”, which was held in Istanbul on 15 November 2023 within the *Logitrans Logistics Exhibition*, marking the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the *International Road Transport Union (IRU)* and addressing important trade and transport issues in the Black Sea Region and beyond.

The event, hosted jointly by IRU, the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Türkiye (TOBB), International Transporters Association (UND) and TOBBUND Logistics Investment Co. Inc. (TOBBUND), brought together IRU member associations and companies, international organizations, development partners and international financial institutions, and addressed United Nation’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as well as key challenges and opportunities in connectivity, transport and transit multimodal corridors linking East/West and North/South, with particular focus on decarbonization and digitalization of commercial transport and customs procedures.

Addressing the main plenary session, entitled “*Shaping a brighter future for trade and transport around the Black Sea and beyond*”, Ambassador Dimitrios Rallis underlined that for many years IRU has been and remains a reliable partner of the BSEC Organization in the development of transport sector in the Black Sea Region. He particularly highlighted that there are many issues and challenges of common interest in this vital area, where the potentially joint efforts of BSEC and other international organizations, like UNECE, IRU, TRACECA, etc. could be of paramount significance for decisively facilitating the transport of goods in our wider region, which was and remains the “bridge” between the European road-networks and those of TRACECA.

On the sidelines of the Conference, Ambassador Rallis met with IRU President Mr. Radu Dinescu, IRU Secretary General Mr. Umberto de Pretto, BSEC-URTA Secretary General Mr. Mehmet Uylukçu and the Secretary General of the Permanent Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA Mr. Asset Assavbayev.