



PRESS RELEASE
**PARTICIPATION TO THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE REGIONAL
COOPERATION COUNCIL (RCC)**

The BSEC PERMIS Deputy Secretary General Ambassador Dimitrios RALLIS participated, upon the joint invitation of the RCC Secretary General Mrs. Majlinda BREGU and the SEECP Chairmanship-in-Office H.E. Mr. Bujar OSMANI to the **Annual Meeting of the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC)** held in Skopje, North Macedonia, on 12 June 2024.

The Meeting was held on the eve of the SEECP Ministerial Meeting. Main purpose of the Meeting was to review progress made by RCC during the past year, exchange views on future steps and endorse its annual report with a view to submitting it to SEECP Ministerial Meeting. Also, to endorse the candidature of the new RCC Secretary General for the term 2025-2027.

In his intervention Ambassador RALLIS stressed the importance BSEC PERMIS attaches to cooperation with its international and regional interlocutors, including SEECP and RCC. He underlined that economic and security cooperation are interrelated and that economic development constitutes a very important dimension of security and stability. Regional cooperation and synergies with regional organizations with similar agendas and project-oriented approaches rank high in BSEC's agenda.

Through attending the Meeting, the PERMIS representative had the opportunity to network and exchange views with participants on issues relevant to cooperation of BSEC with other regional organizations. During the discussions at the margin of the Meeting it was agreed to explore the possibility for organizing a meeting between representatives of BSEC PERMIS and RCC Secretariat in Sarajevo during the first half of 2025.