



ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION

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BSEC PERMIS participated with a separate Stand under the name “*The BSEC Organization: point of reference for regional cooperation*” in the 2018 edition of the Annual Summit of the International Transport Forum (ITF), held in Leipzig, Federal Republic of Germany, from 23 to 25 May 2018.

The Summit was attended by 1.400 participants and more than 40 Ministers from all over the globe. It focused on “*Transport Safety and Security*” and addressed issues ranging from road safety, terrorism and cyber-security to elimination of physical and non-physical barriers on transports.

A large number of prominent personalities as well as representatives from the transportation sector paid a visit to the BSEC Stand where they were provided with video-, printed- and E-material concerning the Organization’s history, major BSEC transport projects, their state of implementation, as well as the present-day and the future plans concerning the overall transport and trade facilitation in the region.

On the sidelines of the Forum, invited by the Organizers, the Secretary General of BSEC PERMIS, Ambassador CHRISTIDES participated in the Ministers’ Roundtable entitled “*Overcoming barriers to fair, secure and efficient international road transport*” during which he underlined the role of the BSEC Organization for the promotion of joint projects which facilitate trade and transportation among its Member States and beyond.

Mr. Yevgen KOZIY, Executive Manager (BSEC PERMIS) attended the Meeting “*Towards Ensuring Road Safety in the Euro-Mediterranean Region*”, organized by the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM), where participants considered ways and means to increase synergies between UfM Member States and other key regional and international actors, in order to foster safe, sustainable and efficient mobility in the Mediterranean region.

The first time presence of the BSEC PERMIS Stand at the ITF proved to be a very effective initiative in terms of the visibility of the Organization as well as in reaching a larger audience in promoting the latter’s achievements.