



ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION

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The BSEC PERMIS Secretary General, Ambassador Michael B. CHRISTIDES, participated in *the 22nd St. Petersburg International Economic Forum*, a prestigious event providing every year a unique platform for engagement of global business leaders, high representatives of Governments, experts and journalists to address, debate and seek effective solutions to the pressing issues concerning the global and the Russian economy.

During the Forum, the Secretary General had the opportunity to engage in productive networking with a great number of participants and, thus, further advance the visibility and promotion of the BSEC Organization among the highly qualified visitors/participants to the Forum.

Further, the BSEC Secretary General gave a 30-minute interview to the renowned TASS News Agency, during which he had the opportunity to describe in length the activities of the BSEC Organization and the latter's significance as a point of reference for economic cooperation and, thus, as a promoter of dialogue and understanding in the volatile region of the Black Sea.

Ambassador Michael B. CHRISTIDES was also interviewed by the Press Service Chief of the VALDAI DISCUSSION CLUB from Moscow and by the Chief Correspondent in Russia of the ASKANNEWS.