

Romanian Parliament to take over June 22 chairmanship of Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation

The Romanian Parliament will hold, in the second half of the year, through the Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies, Ludovic Orban, the chairmanship in office of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC).

According to the principle of rotation, the Romanian Parliament will take over the chairmanship of Parliamentary Assembly of BSEC from the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova, in the plenary session that will take place on June 22, in videoconference system, the Chamber of Deputies said in a statement on Thursday.

The chairmanship of Parliamentary Assembly of BSEC entails, among other things, the organization in Bucharest, between November 23-25, by the Chamber of Deputies, of the General Assembly of this forum, according to the quoted source.

The Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation was established in 1993 as a related body of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization.

The Parliamentary Assembly of BSEC brings together parliamentarians from 12 BSEC member countries: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, the Russian Federation, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine.

At its meeting on 22 June, the plenary of the Assembly will vote on the application of the Parliament of the Republic of Northern Macedonia to join this body, being the 13th member state of the BSEC from November 2020.

The Romanian Parliament has been represented to the Parliamentary Assembly of BSEC since 1993, as a founding member, and has a standing delegation of 7 parliamentarians.

The most recent General Assemblies of Parliamentary Assembly of BSEC, which Romania organized as the current Presidency, took place in 2015 and 2009, the quoted source also mentions.