



Press Release

With its second Annual Seminar, Institut du Bosphore confirms its role of a key actor in French-Turkish relations.

After the success of its first Annual Seminar on October 2009, the second seminar of Institut du Bosphore will take place in Istanbul, Swissotel on 11 and 12 June. A think tank with a notable French-Turkish Scientific Committee, Institut du Bosphore was created in 2009 as a TUSIAD initiative, the association of industrialists and businessmen of Turkey. In a context which Turkey plays a key role in global balances, Institut du Bosphore intends to be one of the active drivers of innovative debate over the relations between Turkey and the EU in general and France in particular. The debates in the second seminar of the Institute will be focusing on the following theme :

« Turkey and the world: New Players, New Visions »

With the exceptional participation of **Abdullah Gül**, President of the Republic of Turkey & **Egemen Bağış**, Chief Minister for EU Affairs and Chief Negotiator to the EU, Turkey

And the presence of the co-presidents of the Scientific Committee of Institut du Bosphore:

- **Kemal Dervis**, Advisor of the Sabancı University, Vice President of the Brookings Institution, and
- **Henri de Castries**, Chairman of the AXA management board

Many French and Turkish personalities from political, intellectual, media and economic realms are expected to participate in this seminar, including **Pekin Baran**, President and the Director-general of Denizcilik SA, Vice president of TUSIAD High Advisory Council; **Umit Boyner**, Member of the Council of Administration of Boyner Holding, President of TUSIAD; **Guy Carcassonne**, Jurist ; **Bernard Guetta**, Journalist ; **Jean-Pierre Jouyet**, President of the Authority of financial markets ; **Pierre Mariani**, President of the Executive Committee, Manager and member of the Strategic Council of DEXIA ; **Pierre Moscovici**, Deputy ; **Michel Rocard**, French former Prime Minister ; **Gilles Veinstein**, Professor of history in College de France.

Conceived as a space for permanent, free and objective debate **Institut du Bosphore** deals with geopolitical, economic, societal and cultural issues to facilitate the common reflection of French and Turkish people on Europe and the actual world.

Directed by an Executive Committee chaired by **Haluk Tokel**, Institut du Bosphore is an independent organization, bringing together high-level Turkish and French personalities from diverse backgrounds – politicians, entrepreneurs, economists, experts and intellectuals.