

**INSTITUT DU BOSPHORE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE MEETING  
WAS HELD IN PARIS ON 9TH OF FEBRUARY WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF  
CO-CHAIRS AUGUSTIN DE ROMANET AND N. ÜMİT BOYNER**

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Institut du Bosphore Scientific Committee, co-chaired by **Ümit Boyner**, Vice President of TÜSİAD High Advisory Council, Board Member of Boyner Group and **Augustin de Romanet**, Chairman & CEO of Groupe ADP held its 13<sup>th</sup> meeting on Friday 09th of February in Paris in AXA Headquarters.

The meeting has also occasioned the passing of the Scientific Committee Co-presidency torch: Augustin de Romanet, succeeding Anne Lauvergeon, as the co-president of the Scientific Committee after five years, will play a leading role alongside Ümit Boyner. Mr. de Romanet indicated: « I am honoured to accept the Co-presidence of Institut du Bosphore Scientific Committee. Groupe ADP is anchored to Institut du Bosphore, which greatly contributes, owing to the quality and adeptness of exchanges between its members, to the development of relations between Turkey and France. Groupe ADP's strategic commitment to Turkey, which has been strengthened in 2017, represents the importance of partnerships between the economic actors of our two countries. Institut du Bosphore is a think tank of reference dedicated to Turkey-France relations and works for a better dialogue between the two civil societies. I would like to bolster these links still further. »

Institut du Bosphore President **Bahadır Kaleağası** stated : « Augustin de Romanet's progressive vision and his ample experiences will represent an undeniable asset for the Institute and will inspire new perspectives at this difficult period for Turkey-France-EU relations ».

In this context, the Institute has a rich activity program for 2018. Institut du Bosphore Vice-president **Livio Manzini** indicated that the Institute, through its flagship event annual seminar, round tables as well as partnerships with French think tanks and universities as in the case of Sciences Po Bosphorous Prize, will pursue its goal of strengthening and deepening the Franco-Turkish dialogue, in particular tackling economic and cultural relations, as well as the European integration process of Turkey and the modernisation of customs union.

Following the meeting, Institut du Bosphore has welcomed more than thirty prominent participants including representatives from think tanks such as CSFRS (High Council for Strategic research and Training), ECFR (European Council on Foreign Relations), IFRI (French Institute for International Relations), Institut Montaigne, IRIS (Institute for International and Strategic Relations), Maison de l'Europe, Mouvement Européen – France, as well as from MEDEF, for a debate entitled «*In the aftermath of President Erdoğan's visit to Paris on 5th of January, what is next for Turkey – France bilateral relations within the perspective of the EU?* ».

The introductory remarks were presented by Institut du Bosphore Scientific Committee Members **Mustafa Sani Şener**, Board Member and President & CEO of Tav Airports Holding, Co-President of Turkey – France Business Council DEIK and **Fusun Türkmen**, Professor and Chair, Department of International Relations, Chairholder, Senghor Chair of Francophony at Galatasaray University as well as **Yves Bertoncini**, Consultant in European Affairs and President of Mouvement Européen – France.

Institut du Bosphore President **Bahadır Kaleağası**, esteemed the richness and the content of the discussions, and concluded the meeting by underlining his conviction on the importance attributed to the Turkey's EU accession framework that should be kept as the most comprehensive tool for any kind of bilateral cooperation, partnership and dialogue.

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