

THE 2020 SCIENCES PO-BOSPHORUS PRIZE AWARDED TODAY

The annual Sciences Po-Bosphorus Prize rewards the excellence of papers written by Sciences Po students on the Turkey – France – EU triangular relations. It constitutes one of the main pillars of a partnership developed in 2016 between Institut du Bosphore and Sciences Po with the aim to encourage opportunities to study and to foster debate around French-Turkish relationships, with a focus on business and economic ties.

For this fourth edition, the students were invited to reflect upon the topic of “**Sustainable cities and communities (SDG 11): which models and policies to enhance the cooperation and partnerships between France and Turkey**” and provide concrete policy recommendations.

Following a selection procedure led by a joint Paris School of International Affairs of Sciences Po (PSIA)-Institut du Bosphore jury based on the quality of the research and of the writing and the feasibility of the policy recommendations, the 2020 prize was awarded to **Mathilde Fraisse** as the first-prize winner and **Edward Hainswoth**, as the second-prize winner, students of the Sciences Po Urban School and School of Public Affairs Master programs respectively.

During the award ceremony which took place via zoom, **Livio Manzini**, Vice President of Institut du Bosphore and **Mark Maloney**, Vice Dean of PSIA handed out the awards to the laureates, congratulating them on the excellence of their contribution and reaffirming the importance of the role played by young leaders in the bilateral relationship. In addition to the cash award, the laureates had their research published on www.institut-bosphore.org/2020/05/20/sciences-po-bosphorus-2020/ and www.sciencespo.fr/psia/institut-du-bosphore.

The ceremony was followed by a webinar on smart and sustainable cities in France and in Turkey with the participation of **Ibrahim Orhan Demir**, Deputy Secretary General, Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality, **Patrick Klugman**, Deputy Mayor of Paris, in charge of International Relations, **Julien Chiappone-Lucchesi**, Commissioner for European and International Affairs, Diplomatic Adviser to the Mayor of Strasbourg, **Elise Massicard**, Senior researcher at CNRS and **Bahadır Kaleağası**, President of Institut du Bosphore. The debate focused on SDG11 priorities, smart cities, innovation, environment, mobility, international and intercity cooperation ...

Institut du Bosphore, key player of the dialogue between Turkey, France and the European Union, constitutes a constructive platform to tackle structural solutions to the contemporary global and regional challenges. In a context of multiple new challenges, the Institute reaffirms its commitment to building better understanding between Turkey and its European partners and is looking towards strengthening this relationship through its webinar series this year.



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