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**Institut du Bosphore is holding its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Seminar in Istanbul on September 12 and 13 with the participation of Thierry Repentin, Minister for European Affairs, France and Cevdet Yılmaz Minister of Development, Turkey**  
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**Paris, September 10** – During its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Seminar, Institut du Bosphore will welcome more than hundred **Franco – Turkish leading politicians, opinion leaders, media and business representatives** who will debate relations between the European Union, France and Turkey.

In the wake of the opening of a new chapter in the negotiations for Turkey's accession to the European Union in October 2013, **Thierry Repentin, Minister for European Affairs**, will bring up, for the first time since François Hollande came to power, France's position vis-à-vis Turkey and the European Union, during his speech. Moreover, how political and electoral developments in France and Turkey can slow down or speed up the momentum in the respective relations will be discussed on the debates. The Seminar will also be an opportunity to reflect on relations between Turkey and the European Union, considering different Transatlantic and global scenarios, and lastly, how the European economic crisis will influence relations between the European Union and Turkey.

With the presence of its co-presidents, **Kemal Dervis**, Vice-President of the Brookings Institution and Member of Board of Overseers, Sabancı University and **Anne Lauvergeon**, President of the Commission "Innovation 2030", the Seminar will provide an overview of the different political, economic and social dynamics and above all will launch a debate on the prospects for a common future.

The opening session and the first session on September 13 will be broadcast live on [www.institut-bosphore.org](http://www.institut-bosphore.org)

The leading figures attending the seminar include:

**Alain Bauer**, President of the High Council for Strategic Education and Research (CSFRS), **Laurent Bigorgne**, Director of the Institut Montaigne, **Laurent Bili**, Ambassador of France to Turkey, **Julien Coffinier**, Deputy Director for International and Investments of Aéroports de Paris (ADP), **Sebastien**



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