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PRESS RELEASE

Inauguration of the 6th annual Seminar of Institut du Bosphore, in the presence of Jean-Marie Le Guen, French Secretary of State for relations with Parliament, and Volkan Bozkır, Turkish Minister of EU Affairs and Chief Negotiator

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Institut du Bosphore will welcome nearly a hundred Franco-Turkish political figures, experts and business leaders to discuss *“Why Europe matters: transcending the crisis to invent our common future”*, during its 6th annual Seminar organized in collaboration with CSFRS (High Council for Strategic Education and Research), **on October 12th and 13th in Istanbul.**

A few months after President François Hollande’s historic visit to the Republic of Turkey, as the two countries have initiated a rapprochement since the beginning of Mr Hollande’s term and while a new chapter of the adhesion negotiations of Turkey to Europe has been opened, **Jean-Marie Le Guen**, Secretary of State for relations with Parliament, will participate in this new edition of the seminar of Institut du Bosphore, along with **Volkan Bozkır**, Turkish Minister of EU Affairs and chief negotiator.

While Europe is undergoing crisis (economic, political and institutional crises, but above all, confidence crisis), and as a new European Commission assembles, this seminar will provide the opportunity for the participants to start a prospective reflexion on the different possible institutional scenarios for Europe and their consequences on the enlargement.

With the presence of Institut du Bosphore Scientific Committee Co-Presidents **Kemal Derviş**, Vice-President of the Brookings and Advisor for the Sabancı University, and **Anne Lauvergeon**, President of the French “Commission Innovation 2030”, this 6th seminar will also address current geostrategic and international issues and will underline the benefits for Europe, France and Turkey of speaking in one voice on the world stage and strengthen their cooperation.

The 100th anniversary of World War I also gives us the opportunity to think between past and future, between review and projection, and build a common future for Europe, Turkey and France.

Find out about the full program on the website of Institut du Bosphore: www.institut-bosphore.org

Participants to the seminar include :

Hakkı Akil, Ambassador of Turkey in France, **Alain Bauer**, President of the High Council for Strategic Education and Research (CSFRS), **Yves Bertoincini**, Director of Notre Europe-Institut Jacques Delors, **Laurent Bili**, Ambassador of France in Turkey, **Didier Billion**, Deputy Director of IRIS (Institute for



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INSTITUT DU BOSPHORE

First think-tank entirely dedicated to the relations between France and Turkey, founded in 2009 by TUSIAD (TURKISH INDUSTRY & BUSINESS ASSOCIATION), Institut du Bosphore aims to deepen and foster dialogue between Turkey and its European partners. The creation of such a platform of free and objective exchanges and debates for all economic, social and intellectual actors is proving to be an initiative both innovative and natural.

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