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PRESS RELEASE

Inauguration of the Institut du Bosphore's 9th Annual Seminar in Istanbul « Europe – France – Turkey : Stories for a smarter future »

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On the occasion of its 9th annual seminar organized in collaboration with the *Conseil Supérieur de la Formation et de la Recherche Stratégique* (High Council for Strategic Research and Training), CSFRS), Institut du Bosphore will host more than one hundred personalities from France and Turkey's political, intellectual and business spheres on November 27th and 28th in Istanbul to discuss the theme: « *Europe – France – Turkey : Stories for a smarter future* ».

At a time when the current geopolitical context is characterized predominantly by the shifting world order and the rise of populist movements Turkey, France and the European Union face major challenges for building a common future. This seminar will thus be an opportunity for the participants to engage in a forward-looking reflection on the various cooperation perspectives for strengthening this triadic relation as well as the Turkish-French bilateral cooperation with a focus on the cultural and economic relations.

The opening session of the Seminar will take place in the presence of Institut du Bosphore Scientific Committee Co-Presidents, **Ümit Boyner**, Member of Board of Directors of Boyner Group, Vice President, TUSIAD High Advisory Council and **Augustin de Romanet**, Chairman & CEO, Groupe ADP, Institut du Bosphore President **Bahadır Kaleağası** as well as **Faruk Kaymakcı**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Director for EU Affairs of Turkey.

Among the personalities participating in the seminar:

Filiz Akdede, President, TÜSİAD ICT (Information Communication Technologies) Working Group, CEO, HP Turkey, **Julien Berjeaut**, Press illustrator and cartoonist, **Erol Bilecik**, President, TÜSİAD, **Olivier Caron**, Director General, CSFRS, **İzel Levi Coşkun**, Mentor "These Young People Have the Potential" (Bu Gençlikte İş Var) Project, TÜSİAD; CEO, Mazars Denge, **Laurence Daziano**, Economist, **Oya Eczacıbaşı**, Chair of the Board, Istanbul Museum of Modern Art, Scientific Committee Member, Institut



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The program of the Seminar is available online : [click here](#)

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