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Message of Institut du Bosphore President Bahadır Kaleağası on the occasion of Europe Day

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"Today we are celebrating Europe Day. This day is an occasion to recall the positive role that the European project has already played and will continue to play in building peace and ensuring the prosperity of our continent.

In this perspective, the Europe 2020 strategy plays a crucial role. Our societies need more human capital, social progress, entrepreneurship, creativity, technological innovations and clean energy which are crucial components of this strategy.

The challenges of deepening and enlargement of the European Union are also part of this perspective for a politically and economically stronger Europe on a global scale.

We hope that Europe Day will contribute to a better understanding of the progress of European integration and a more rational debate on the issues of our common future."

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