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PRESS RELEASE

FIRST EDITION OF THE SCIENCES PO-BOSPHORUS PRIZE AWARDED

YESTERDAY AT SCIENCES PO

Inviting youth to take part in strengthening the French-Turkish economic bilateral relationship by providing concrete recommendations

The newly established 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 the **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.

Livio Manzini, Vice-President of Institut du Bosphore, Chairman of TUSIAD France Network and Chairman & CEO of Bell Holding and **Vanessa Scherrer**, Vice-Dean of Paris School of International Affairs of Sciences Po (PSIA) have been the mentors of this initiative.

For this first edition, the students were invited to reflect upon the topic of **“European growth, emerging markets: economic and business relations between Turkey, France and Europe”** 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 co-chaired by **N. Ümit Boyner**, Co-president of the Scientific Committee of Institut du Bosphore, Vice President of TÜSIAD High Advisory Council and **Enrico Letta**, Dean of Paris School of International Affairs of Sciences Po (PSIA), based on the quality of the research and of the writing and the feasibility of the policy recommendations, **the 2017 prize was awarded to three students, Romuald Malcor Deydier de Pierrefeu**, student in the Master in International Security at the Paris School of International Affairs of Sciences Po (PSIA) and first-prize winner, **Gürcan Gülersoy**, student at the Undergraduate College of Sciences Po (Campus of Menton) and second-prize winner, and **Ediz Topçuoğlu**, student at the Undergraduate College of Sciences Po (Campus of Dijon).

An award ceremony held at Sciences Po followed by a conference debate

The award ceremony was held today at Sciences Po from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM in the presence of the Co-Chair of the jury **Ümit Boyner** as well as **Bahadır Kaleağası**, President of Institut du Bosphore, Secretary General and Member of the Board of Directors of TÜSIAD and **Jérôme Sgard**, Professor of Economics of Sciences Po and PSIA faculty member.

Ümit Boyner and **Jérôme Sgard** handed out the awards to the laureates, congratulating them on the excellence of their contribution and reaffirming the importance of the role played by youth in the bilateral relationship, before the laureates took the floor in their turn.

The award ceremony was followed by an interactive debate on “The Turkish economy in times of political uncertainty in Europe” between Sciences Po students and **Bahadır Kaleağası**, President of Institut du Bosphore and **Eckart Woertz**, PSIA faculty member of Sciences Po, under the moderation of **Dorothee Schmid**, Researcher, Head of ‘Contemporary Turkey’ program at IFRI.

On top of receiving an award of 1000€ and having his paper published online, the first prize laureate received an invitation to attend the Institut du Bosphore annual Seminar to be held in Istanbul in the fall as well as visit the TUSIAD office to meet high level representatives of the sector of his choice.

As for the second and third prize laureates, they each received an award of 500€ and also saw their papers published online.

In a world of multiple challenges, the Institut du Bosphore, key player of the dialogue between Turkey, France and the European Union, reaffirms its commitment to building better understanding between Turkey and its European partners and is looking towards strengthening the economic bilateral relationship through the many initiatives to be held in the months to come.

Links towards publications

[See the first laureate’s paper](#)

[See the second laureate’s paper](#)

[See the third laureate’s paper](#)

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