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## PRESS RELEASE

### Inauguration of the Institut du Bosphore's 8th Annual Seminar in Istanbul under the theme "Turkey – France – European Union: Change Settings ?"

**#Bosphore2017**

On the occasion of its 8th 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, Germany and Turkey's political, intellectual and business spheres on October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> in Istanbul to discuss the theme: "Turkey – France – European Union: Change Settings ?"

At a time when the Euro-Atlantic world is facing unprecedented challenges – the repercussions of Donald Trump's presidency on the world's economic and political order, the European legitimacy questioned by Brexit, the migratory crisis, the rise of populist movements in Europe – Turkey, France and the European Union have reached a pivotal moment in their respective history as well as in their bilateral relations. This seminar will thus be an opportunity for the participants to engage in a forward-looking reflection on different potential scenarios for a strengthened and federative European Union, as well as the various perspectives for strengthening Turkish-European and Turkish-French bilateral ties in an environment in profound mutation.

Among the personalities participating in the seminar:

**Erol Bilecik**, President, TÜSİAD, **Didier Billion**, Deputy Director of IRIS (Institute for International and Strategic Relations), Scientific Committee Member, Institut du Bosphore, **Georg Birgelen**, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Istanbul, **Ümit Boyner**, Co-president of the Scientific Committee, Institut du Bosphore, Member of the Board of Directors of Boyner Group, Vice-President of the TUSIAD High Advisory Council, **Bertrand Buchwalter**, Consulat general of France in Istanbul, **Olivier Caron**, Director General, CSFRS (High Council for Strategic Research and Training), **Hélène Conway-Mouret**, French Senator, Former Minister, Scientific Committee Member, Institut du Bosphore, **Alain Delcamp**, Honorary Secretary General of the French Senate, Deputy chairman of the French association of Constitutionnalists (AFDC), Scientific Committee Member, Institut du Bosphore, **S.E. Charles Fries**, Ambassador of France to Turkey, **Philippe Hochart**, Projects Director, International Department, European and International Affairs, ENGIE, **Bahadır Kaleağası**, President, Institut du Bosphore, CEO & Board Member, TÜSİAD, **Anne Lauvergeon**, Co-president of the Scientific Committee, Institut du Bosphore, Chairman of Innovation 2030 National Committee (France) and Independent



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