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# Turkey and Germany in a Changing World

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## Turkey and Germany in a Changing World

While Europe is undergoing a major transformation, it remains imperative to discuss more inclusive, reflective and agile tools. We need to successfully navigate in a world that is constantly evolving towards a new geopolitical paradigm in the post-Trump and the post-Merkel era and the post-Brexit Europe that exhibits the convergence of transatlantic and European security agendas vis-à-vis Russia. The inaugural flagship event of Berlin Bosphorus Initiative (BBI) aims to bring BBI Board members, experts and professionals from Turkey, Germany and wider Europe together, for addressing some major dimensions of the bilateral cooperation, as well as discussing the relevant challenges and opportunities the two countries are facing within the transatlantic and the European context.

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### 09:00 Opening Session

#### Welcome Notes

**Cansen Başaran Symes**, Chair of the Board of Directors, Allianz Turkey & BBI Advisory Board Co-President

**Dr. Stefan Mair**, SWP Director and Executive Chairman & BBI Advisory Board Co President

**Prof. Dr. Ferit Küçükay**, Turkish - German University General Coordinator

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### 09:15 SESSION I Geopolitical Dimension

Geostrategic challenges for Turkey's and Germany's regional strategic interests and dilemmas in the age of transatlantic awakening; the future of European Strategic Compass, Germany's turning point 'Zeitenwende' within the NATO Framework, PESCO, Relations with Russia-China and other third countries.

*Moderator:* **Prof. Evren Balta**, Lecturer, Özyeğin University & Academic Coordinator, TÜSİAD Global Politics Forum & BBI Advisory Board member

*Speakers:*

**Bruno Lété**, Senior Fellow for Security and Defense, GMF Brussels

**Ret. Amb. Tacan İldem**, Chairman, EDAM

**Soli Özel**, Lecturer, Kadir Has University & BBI Advisory Board member

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### 10:40 Coffee Break

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## 11:00 SESSION II Economic Dimension

Germany's new political economy approach to the EU, Eurozone restructuring agenda, Bilateral relations in a rapidly changing global business environment, Turkey – Germany Joint Economic and Trade Committee (JETCO), twin transformation: digital and sustainable, the future of the Green Deal and decarbonization in the aftermath of Russian sanctions, rebalancing energy dependency, CBAM, Customs Union modernization, Supply Chain near-shoring

*Moderator:* **Michael Thumann**, Foreign Affairs Correspondent, Die Zeit

*Speakers:*

**Dr. Güven Sak**, Program Director of Area Studies Program, TEPAV Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey

**Ingrun Alsleben**, CEO & CFO, Bayer Turkey & BBI Executive Board member

**Atalay M. Gümrah**, CEO of the Eczacıbaşı Group, DEİK Türkiye - Germany Business Council Chairman & BBI Advisory Board member

**Dr. Hüseyin Gelis**, Siemens Turkey CEO & President, BBI Executive Board & TÜSİAD Germany Network President

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## 12:30 Thematic Lunch

**An impasse: Turkey-EU Migration Deal | Buffer zone, appeasement, democratic erosion**

*Moderator:* **Assoc. Prof. Çiğdem Nas**, Secretary General, IKV Economic Development Foundation & BBI Advisory Board member

*Speakers:*

**Friedrich C. Püttmann**, PhD Candidate, LSE and Research Associate, IPC

**Asst. Prof. Berk Esen**, IPC-Mercator Fellow at the Centre for Applied Turkey Studies CATS and Lecturer, Sabancı University

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## 14:00 SESSION III City Collaboration Dimension

City Partnerships, Smart & Sustainable Cities, Turkey-Germany local and municipal cooperation, 'Turkey-Europe | An integrated service-device-technology Road mapping for smart and green cities', Data Management, Access to Finance, Disaster Risk Management

*Moderator:* **Assoc. Prof. Ebru Tekin Bilbil**, Lecturer, Özyeğin University & TÜSİAD – Turkonfed – Institut du Bosphore – Berlin Bosphorus Initiative - Özyeğin University "Europe – Turkey | Integrated Service – Device – Technology Roadmap" Project Coordinator

*Speakers:*

**Dr. Ceyhan Eren**, Risk and Engineering Director, Allianz Turkey

**Thomas Kolbinger**, CFO and Board Member, Siemens Turkey

**Özcan Mutlu**, President of the German-Turkish Twincity Federation & BBI Advisory Board member

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## 15:30 Closing Session

**Dr. Hüseyin Gelis**, Siemens Turkey CEO & President, BBI Executive Board & TÜSİAD Germany Network President

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