



ANNOUNCEMENT

Important news!

Berlin Bosphorus Initiative welcomes its new Advisory Board Co-President Ms. Cansen Bařaran-Symes and a new generation of BBI Advisory Board members.

Berlin Bosphorus Initiative (BBI) was founded in 2013 in Berlin under the auspices of TUSIAD, the Turkish Industry and Business Association, with the aim of improving economic and social ties between Turkey and Germany, supporting Turkey's EU bid as well as intensifying the civil society dialogue between the two countries. Through Berlin Bosphorus Initiative (BBI), formerly TCCI, we endeavour to fill an important gap in German and Turkish public opinion and to overcome existing setbacks by establishing a sustainable network of competent partners on both sides, who can act as opinion leaders.

The underlying mission of the Berlin Bosphorus Initiative (BBI) is to facilitate encounters that build bridges and overcome gaps. In this regard, BBI Advisory Board holds an exclusive position to initiate and shape the debate on our mutual relations. Hence, it is a great pleasure to win the new Co-President and members of the BBI Advisory Board for the continued success of the Initiative.

Enclosed you may find the r sum  of Ms. Cansen Bařaran-Symes as well as an updated list of BBI Advisory Board members. Should you have further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Secretariat.

Kind regards from the BBI team

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Ms. Cansen Başaran-Symes

Allianz Turkey, Chair of the Board of Directors and former TUSIAD President (2015-2017)

Cansen Başaran-Symes was born in 1960 in Trabzon, Turkey. She graduated from the Istanbul University, Faculty of Business Administration and joined Price Waterhouse (PW) Turkey when it was established in 1981 as one of the first Turkish graduate. She worked at various PwC offices for 32 years such as PW Copenhagen in 1983 and PW London in 1989. She was admitted to the PW European Firm partnership in 1990 as first Turkish partner and served as senior partner in charge of Turkey between 1998 - 2013. She was a member of the board of directors of PwC - Central and Eastern Europe Region between 1998 - 2005 and board member in PwC Eurofirm in between 2005 - 2008.

Cansen Başaran-Symes is the Chair of the Board of Directors of Allianz Sigorta A.Ş. and Allianz Hayat ve Emeklilik A.Ş. Turkey, is a Member of the International Advisory Board, Allianz SE and Chairperson of Allianz Turkey Advisory Council. She is also an Independent Member of Board of Directors of Nokia, Alcatel Lucent Teletaş Telekomünikasyon A.Ş. since 2014, Senior Advisor of McKinsey & Company since 2018 and a Member of the Harvard Business School MENA and Central Asia Advisory Board.

Throughout her career she contributed several major NGO's in different capabilities.

She has served as President of Turkish Industry & Business Association (TÜSİAD) in 2015 and 2016. Cansen is still an active role at a number of NGO's and is currently Member of Council of Presidents of Turkish Industry & Business Association (TÜSİAD), Founder Member and Member of Board of Directors of Endeavor (High-Impact Entrepreneurship) Turkey, Chairperson of Advisory Board of Financial Literacy and Inclusion Association (FODER) and Senior Advisory Board Member of British Chamber of Commerce Turkey (BCCT).

Cansen was named a "Global Leader of Tomorrow" at the 2000 World Economic Forum.

She holds several prizes including the most recent "Leader of the Civil Society" by Economist both in 2016 and 2017.

Cansen is married and has a son.

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Cansen Başaran-Symes

Allianz Turkey, Chair of the Board of Directors and former TUSIAD President (2015-2017)

Michael Schwarz

Mercator Foundation, Executive Director

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* Recently added members joined in 2019 are presented in italics