

# The Marmara Foundation Istanbul

THE MARMARA GROUP STRATEGIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

# **20<sup>th</sup> EURASIAN ECONOMIC SUMMIT**

## "Humanity at a Crossroads"

Responding to the global challenge of migration and security. Spirit of responsibility and solidarity in Silk Road Economic Belt Project

### "Challenges That European Union Faces with and Its Future Concerns"

Will there be any chance for "democracy in accordance with constitutional state", "social justice and equality", "freedoms and civil liberties" and "free trade in accordance with liberalistic market economy" to survive?

As a consequence, the genesis of the idea of European Union was reposed on the basic concerns of the statesmen such as Schubert and Monnet that may impede a probable reemergence of warfare. In this context, the territorial borders within the European Union have been trivialized to preclude the re-destruction of Europe by wars and the attempts arising from the nationalistic streams that may cause warfare. We are obliged to question a Europe – which has been threatened by dissolution owing to the recent development of nationalistic streams – that maintains a policy laying emphasis on national states, sovereignty based on territory, and a Europe that refers enemy perception by making use of ethnic and religious identities, and a Europe that may drive the whole continent of Europe and the World to the Third World War.

It is a fact; a new day era is beginning for the EU. Where will Britain's exit carry Europe? Will there be new departures from the union? Will there be changes to the institutional structure of the EU?

#### "The Status of Supply and Demand Equilibrium within Sustainable Energy, Telecommunication and Economic Development; Actors and Figurants"

The impacts of ongoing threats of terrorism, forced migration, causes of warfare and current crises on the global economy as well as the correlation between these threats and the current state of energy, telecommunication and transportation industries, criteria for 'energy and telecommunication, energy policies and its impacts on the global economy and the significance of telecommunication remain on the agenda as a current issue.

#### "Contributions of the Religions to Peace in Order to Overcome the Environment of Violence and Terror and the Association between Migration and Terrorism"

The migration crisis - with the dramatic increase of refugee arrivals in EU countries, Turkey, Lebanon and Jordan - as well as the simultaneously developing precarious security situation, exacerbated by the horrific terrorist attacks in Ankara, Istanbul, Paris, Brussels, Nice, Orlando or Baghdad are creating two distinct hard to solve security issues. Moreover, the falsity of associating the terrorist incidents, the inhumane activities with religions need to be discussed.

Furthermore, migration is an inevitable result of our globalized and interconnected world.

Today, more than 60 million people are forcibly displaced. Some of these have had to abandon their homes due to war, terror or the idea of living in better condition, whilst others have been born into displacement and know no other life than that of being a refugee. From this point, it can be said that the discussion of "the relation between immigration and terrorism" remains on the agenda.