Likeminds: german-turkish junior expert initiative: focus topic for 2013
Trading potentials: Shaping economic life and connecting cultures.

“likeminds – german-turkish junior expert initiative”, launched by Robert Bosch Stiftung, European Academy of Berlin (EAB) and Istanbul Policy Center (IPC) at Sabancı University, is a binational exchange program in Germany and Turkey. The program aims to strengthen ties between young German and Turkish top performers, also to intensify practical and topic-oriented exchange of ideas, experience, and understanding. In addition, it aims to contribute towards creating a professional and personal network, bringing together young experts, the deciders of the future.

In practical terms, the program is designed to address German and Turkish future experts, ‘high fliers’, young or junior experts, opinion formers, and disseminators from all sectors of society. Participants will enter into current social and political debates and confront cutting-edge issues. “likeminds” consists of three components: a preparatory workshop, held simultaneously in Turkey and Germany, followed by two tours d’horizon in both countries. At the workshop, participants choose different aspects of the year’s focus topic to be elaborated during the program year. At the tours d’horizon, they get the opportunity to discuss their chosen issues with German and Turkish leading experts from politics, economy, academia, and media.