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WHERE?
Mercator-IPC Fellow work at IPC in Istanbul for the duration of 6 to 12 months.
IPC offers Mercator-IPC Fellows access to a broad network of academics, civil society activists, and decision-makers as well as a unique platform for sound academic research to shape high-end policy work. Fellow benefit from Sabanci University’s exceptional intellectual capital and vast reservoir of scientific knowledge.

WHY?
Stifting Mercator and Istanbul Policy Center (IPC) at Sabanci University merge academics, journalists, and professionals to apply for the Mercator-IPC Fellowship Program.

The program aims to strengthen academic, political, and social ties between Turkey and Germany, as well as between Turkey and Europe, based on the premise that the acquisition of knowledge and the exchange of people and ideas are presentations for meeting the challenges of a globalized world.

The Istanbul Policy Center-Stifting Mercator-Sabanci University Initiative has created a synergy between German, Turkish, and European research teams to enhance communities through the Mercator-IPC Fellowship Program in the past seven years.
**EU/German-Turkish Relations**

Giventhat Turkey, Germany, and Europe have entered an array of multiple crises, continuous and open dialogue between Turkey and the EU is necessary for the fight against terrorism, the maintenance of peace and stability in the European periphery, and the development of mechanisms for integrating refugees into society. Furthermore, at the midst of economic and foreign policy-related challenges, Turkey’s role in preserving stability in the region is crucial now more than ever.

**Climate Change**

Key issues include: international cooperation as strongly as the need to prevent to the extent of climate change. The reduction of greenhouse gas emissions can only be accomplished through the joint efforts of national governments, businesses, academia, civil society groups, and individual citizens. In particular, the transition of energy systems in Europe and elsewhere towards decarbonization is crucial for decoupling greenhouse gas emissions and adaptation.

The Mercator-IFC Fellowship Program aims to raise awareness among decision makers and the broader public of the threats posed by climate change.

**Who?**

The Mercator-IFC Fellowship is open to candidates from a broad range of fields, including academia, politics, and business, with a focus on individuals who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and a commitment to addressing global challenges.

**What?**

**Subtopics in this area:**
- European security and defense cooperation and its implications for EU-Turkey relations
- Necessary of cooperation in the accession process
- Challenges in the EU and their potential impact on EU-German-Turkish relations
- Economic cooperation between the EU and Turkey
- Turkish-German cooperation as a key pillar in Turkey’s relations with the EU
- Turkey’s role in the Western Balkans and its importance in the EU’s external actions and foreign policy
- Issues related to integration of refugees in the EU and Turkey
- Assistance for further cooperation between Turkey and European researchers

**Subtopics in this area:**
- Analysis of the social and economic impacts of climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies
- Mechanisms for effective multi-level governance in climate change mitigation and adaptation
- Obstacles to policy reforms in developing countries and overcoming the alleged deadlock of economic development and climate change mitigation policies
- Impact of the Paris Agreement on climate policies in the European Union
- Turkey’s role in a low-carbon energy system (e.g., energy efficiency, renewable energy, and climate policies in the European context)

**How?**

Mercator-IFC Fellowships are available for experienced professionals in the sciences, arts, and public service who have significant prior work experience or have a PhD degree and are willing to accept the requirements of the jury’s satisfaction. Projects that focus on the following themes are preferred:

- EU/German-Turkish Relations
- Climate Change