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Türkiye Ekonomi Politikaları Araştırma Vakfı



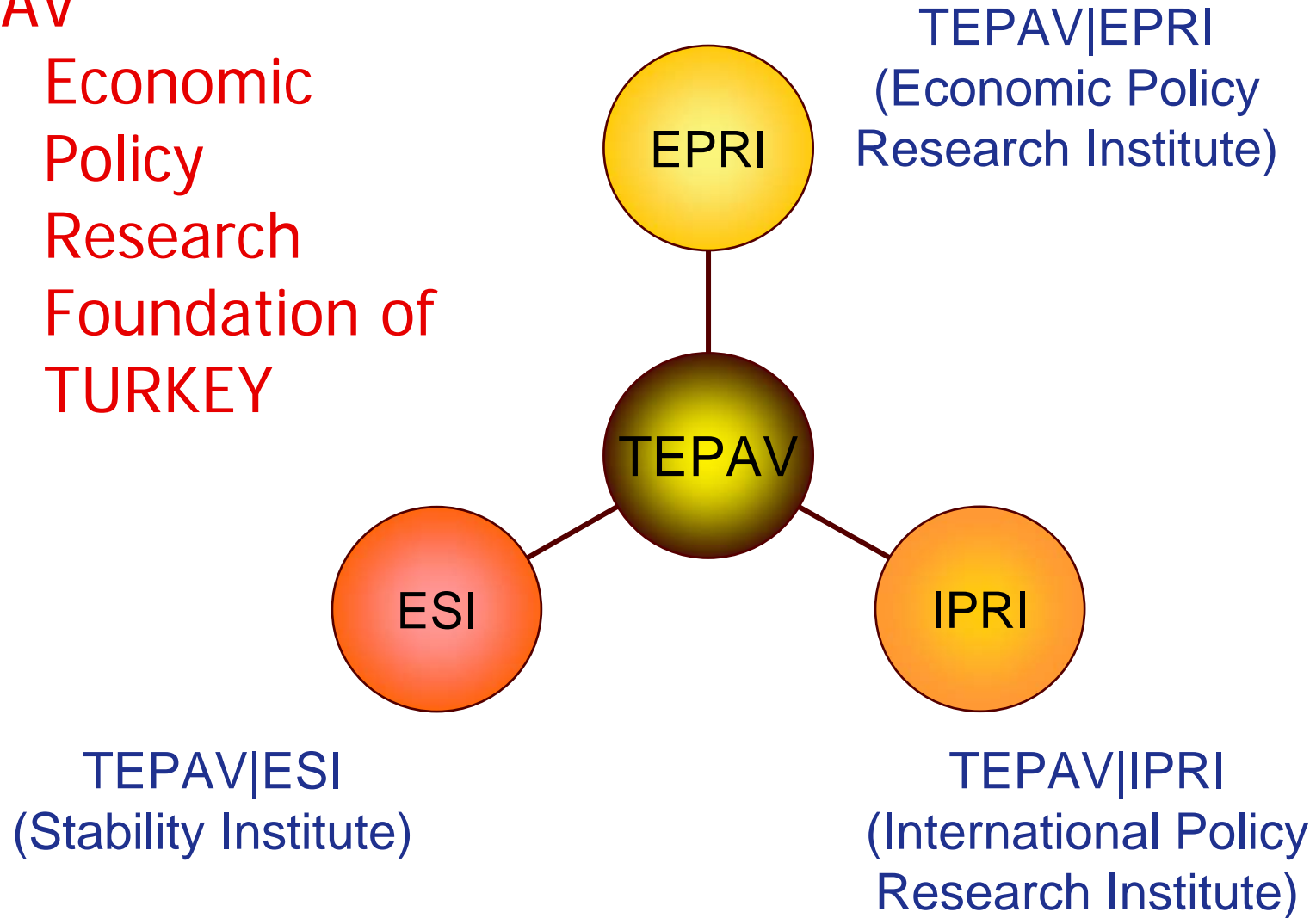
## Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey



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## TEPAV

Economic  
Policy  
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Foundation of  
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## TEPAV|EPRI

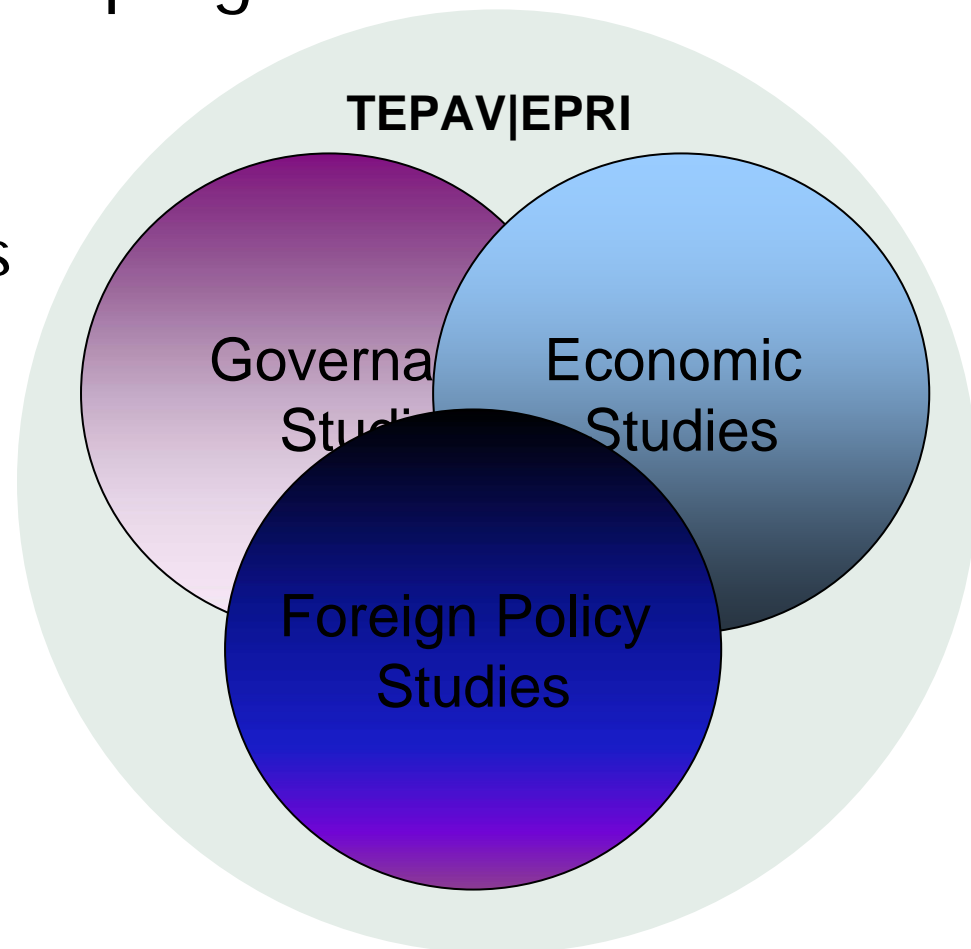
- Economic Policy Research Institute (EPRI) is the first research institute established within TEPAV.
- TEPAV|EPRI intends to provide alternatives to policy discussions in Turkey (policy-oriented research).
- A major priority of EPRI research is to design mechanisms to support institutionalization of Turkish corporate sector.
  - Such mechanisms will pave the way for a better economic climate such that Turkey's integration into the global economy can be completed at minimum cost.

# TEPAV|EPRI

■ organized around three programs:

- Economic Studies
- Governance Studies
- Foreign Policy Studies

EPRI research is in  
inter-disiplinary nature



## TEPAV|EPRI programs represent the **inter-disciplinary** nature of research

|   | I. Economic Studies   | II. Governance Studies  | III. Foreign Policy Studies   |
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| <b>Restructuring of the business sector</b> | + <b>Impact Analysis of EU Accession on Turkish Economy</b><br>+ Liberalization of Energy and Telecom Sectors<br>+ <b>SME Access to Finance</b><br>+ Investment Climate Assessment<br>+ <b>Industry Policy Report of Turkey</b> |   | + <b>Communicating with Europe (training program for Turkish national Media correspondents)</b><br>+ The Role of Private Sector in EU Negotiations<br>+ <b>European Network – Turkey Project</b>  |
| <b>Restructuring of the public sector</b>   | + <b>Tax Reform Analysis</b><br>+ Social Security Reform Analysis<br>+ <b>Higher Education Project (with the World Bank)</b>  | + <b>Anti-Corruption Project</b><br>+ Monitoring Decentralization<br>+ <b>Local Government Capacity Building</b><br>+ Fiscal Monitoring and Fiscal Transparency Project | + <b>Designing European Union Negotiation Strategy Project</b><br>+ Networking Academics<br>+ <b>Training Turkish local media on EU Social Dialogue Awareness</b>   |
| <b>Regional Integration</b>                 | + <b>Sectoral and Regional Competitiveness Assessment</b>   | + <b>Regional Development Agency Network</b>  | + <b>Study Group on Turkey in U.S. Congress (USAFMC)</b><br>+ Ankara Forum (Palestine_Israel_Turkey Economic Cooperation)<br>+ <b>Cyprus Project</b><br>+ OECD-MENA Chamber Development Project<br>+ <b>Cooperation w/ Brookings &amp; CSIS</b> |

## TEPAV|EPRI studies lead to:

- Developing policy tools for dialogues with the government
  - ➔ Industrial Policy Document (*with State Planning Organization*)
  - ➔ Investment Climate Assessment (*with the World Bank & Treasury*)
  - ➔ Competition Environment Assessment (*with Competition Authority & Foreign Investment Advisory Service -FIAS*)
  - ➔ Higher Education Sector Project (*with the World Bank*)
- Better governance of economic development
  - ➔ Decentralization studies, regional development framework (*with The Ministry of Internal Affairs and local authorities*)
  - ➔ Fiscal monitoring and transparency
- Regional Integration
  - ➔ Industry for Peace Initiative (*with TOBB*)
  - ➔ Black Sea and Central Asia Project (*with TOBB*)
  - ➔ Revitalization of Ancient Silk Road (*with TOBB & IRU*)

# Scope of Tepav Activities

## Organizing ACADEMIC EVENTS

Round-table  
meetings, workshops,  
panels, seminars,  
working dinners

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Regarding the issues  
on Turkey's political  
and economic agenda  
Thematic conferences

## NETWORKING Activities

With scholars, businessmen,  
policy-makers, think-tanks,  
stake-holders

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### United States

USAFMC, Brookings, CSIS

### Middle East

OECD-MENA, Israeli  
Manufacturers Asc., Fed.  
Palestinian Chambers

### Europe

Oxford, LSE, Friends of Europe,  
CEPS, IAI-Rome, Northern Cyprus  
Human Rights Association

### Caucasus

Strategic Research Centre in  
Georgia, International Centre for  
Black Sea Studies (ICBSS)

### International

World Bank Institute, WB

## Conducting Academic RESEARCH

Conducting and  
publishing researches,  
analysis, articles,  
working papers, policy  
notes and fiscal  
monitoring reports by

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TEPAV resident experts,  
non-resident scholars and  
research fellows from  
influential think-tanks in  
coordination with TEPAV

# TEPAV|EPRI TEAM





# Communication Strategy through the EU process

- Networking & creating a dialogue mechanism
- Raising awareness on the EU
- Capacity building

## → Network in Europe

- TEPAV – IAI Network
- Oxford – Ankara Partnership
- LSE - Contemporary Turkish Studies Chair
- TEPAV – Chatham House Partnership

## → Media holds a key role (*Communicating w/ Europe*)

- to shape the public opinion
- to have a continuous and well-qualified information flow system during EU negotiation process

## → Local academics are players (*Academics Networking Platform*)

- to convey the local capacity with local authorities, businesses and the universities
- to stimulate reform process in the line with the EU

## Governance and EU Process

- Indirect impact of EU process in favor of Decentralization and Good Governance
  - ➔ Increasing involvement of local administrations in decision-making
  - ➔ Empowering civil society to take initiative
  - ➔ Encouraging change in public administration
- Decentralization and Good Governance
  - ➔ trends accelerates EU process:
    - ✓ Positive climate for adopting aquis
    - ✓ Fostering transparency in public administration
    - ✓ Ownership building for the EU process by encouraging active participation of stakeholders

## Economic Impact of the EU

### ■ TEPAV | EPRI and the Global Economic Modelling Network

- major study on the potential and probable impacts of EU membership on Turkey's economy
- building a platform of several different economic models
- compiling the most comprehensive database of the Turkish economy
- will assist the decision makers (both public and private)

## TEPAV|ESI: Fostering Transparency

- Latest institute established within TEPAV is
  - ➔ “Economic Stability Institute”
- The scope of its research:
  - ➔ price stability, financial stability, stability on public finances, social stability...etc
- ESI has been performing activities to foster transparency
  - ➔ Civil Monitoring of Government Budget
  - ➔ Providing references for policy implementation
    - Fiscal Monitoring Reports
    - Fiscal Transparency Reports

# TOBB – Economics and Technology University

- Demographic transition started long time ago
  - ➔ Skills conversion requirement as severe as skills training
- Training for the much needed skills
  - ➔ All students working closely with the industry
  - ➔ Businessmen who can do business globally
    - Multiple languages, interdisciplinary education
  - ➔ Engineers who can innovate
    - intense university-industry collaboration
  - ➔ Civil servants who can analyze & design policy
    - Master in public policy program (Harvard and SAIS)
    - Case study based education for the region
    - Extensive focus on networking
- Sectoral Research Institutes