

# **iVCI** (the background & history)

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## **TOBB YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS BOARD**

- Founded in 2009 to find and advance Turkey's fast-growth entrepreneurs below the age of 40.
- Completed its organization in 78 provinces with "Province Young Entrepreneurs Boards" and there are approximately 1.583 young entrepreneurs in these boards.
- Is the most widespread youth organization in Turkey.
- Main activities are; networking, training, policy lobbying and mentoring.

## TOBB YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS BOARD

- Co-hosting Global Entrepreneurship Week with Endeavor since 2009 to increase awareness on entrepreneurship.
  - In 2010 200 activities were held, with 120 stakeholders, 20.000 direct participation and overall 15 million participants.
- Field trips to meet local entrepreneurs.
  - Visited 28 provinces, carried out “Entrepreneurship Panels” at 20 universities and 4 chambers. Reached 10.000 students, businessmen and businesswomen.
- Entrepreneurship Training through Digitrain Sessions.
  - Organized two training sessions on “*Leadership and Entrepreneurship*” and “*Family Businesses and Institutionalization*” through live broadcasting via internet. Reached 1652 entrepreneurs in 81 provinces.
- In cooperation with Junior Achievement Turkey and the Ministry of Education to provide entrepreneurship training to students at vocational high schools.
- Established “Business Angels Network” at KOBİ A.Ş.

# iVCI (the future)

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## TOBB YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS BOARD

- Working on projects to help improve the VC industry in Turkey that require government coordination and/or support
- Supported establishment of TOBB PE/VC Sectoral Board (Girişim Sermayesi Sektör Meclisi) to bring together the representatives of major PE & VC funds, angel investor networks.
- In cooperation with U.S. Department of State on the Global Entrepreneurship Program as a partner. The purpose of the program is to coordinate entrepreneurship-related efforts in developing countries.