

Curriculum Vitae

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Born in İstanbul on 19 May 1963.

Completed his secondary and high school education at TED Ankara College, in 1980. Continued to higher education at İstanbul University, Faculty of Economics, Econometrics Department and completed MBA degree for International Business at İstanbul University Institute of Business Administration.

Started professional life at ECA Elginkan Holding of Data Processing and Information Company as System Analyst to develop and design applications of computer programs using RPG II and RPG III, between 1982-1986.

Continued to his professional career as a banker since 1986. Worked at private-owned, public-owned banks and foreign bank as an expert, manager, director and Vice President. Worked at different positions for the institutions of Banking, Factoring, Leasing, Money and Capital Markets, Lending and Allocation of Commercial and Investment Loans and Risk Management. After the economic and financial crises during year 2000, worked at Bayındırbank, on behalf of governmental institution, later on named as United Fund Bank owned by SDIF (Saving Deposit Insurance Fund), responsible for reorganization and consolidation processes of assets and liabilities of 16 banks taken over by SDIF as Deputy General Manager, Vice President. After the finalization of this process has left the banking sector completely in 2005.

Co-founder, Member of the Board and Business Development Director of FINLIT Partners Oy, established in Helsinki to introduce the best combination of education methodologies and implementation of the courses, for Financial Literacy, Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Leadership of Finnish Education Model. Responsible for developing platforms, organizing meetings, trainings and conferences to introduce Finnish Companies and Products in Turkish Market. Designing and providing networking activities between Turkish & Finnish Actors in Industry and Academic Sectors, to develop and improve capacity building training programs or educational services with the Universities in Finland in the fields of Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Leadership for Youth and SMEs. Now, working to establish well structured platform to increase the interaction, trade and doing business together among Industrial Organizations and Businesses in Finland and Turkey.

Currently, since March 2021, he is working at Star İhracat A.Ş. as Finance Manager.

As volunteer experience, being a member of Turkish Finance Managers Foundation (Finance Club) as Secretary General, since 2004 until 2019 and Vice Chairman of Turkish European Foundation, since 2017. Being a Civil Society Organization Member, designed Project Office for training and Capacity Development projects. Prepared and implemented the projects for Ministry of Foreign (EU) Affairs, Turkish National Agency as Project Coordinator and Legal Representative of “SME Academy” and “Financial Literacy Learning by Serious Game” working with Finnish Organization and University. Worked as Project Coordinator and Legal Representative of IPA-II Projects for CFCU (Central Finance Contracts Unit) for “Entrepreneurial skills development by EU Network” with 4 Turkish Universities, 3 Organized Industrial Area and finally the Project Coordinator at Hungarian Consulate General in İstanbul for “Diversity in Unity: Intercultural Dialogue Through the Waves Of Danube” Project.

Worked as the Board Member of the Turkish-Finnish Wellbeing Cities Inc., established in Turkey as the joint-venture of FWBC (Finnish Wellbeing Centre-FINPRO) Oy, Finland. The key area is to provide guidance for local policy makers, to help to identify local priority areas of action and to design action plans for Ministry of Family and Social Policies and private companies for developing elderly care & wellness projects introducing Finnish Expertise in Turkish Market.

Grant Scheme for EU – Turkey Program

Organization: Turkish Finance Managers Foundation

Role & Responsibility: Legal Representative & Project Coordinator

Program : Civil Society Dialogue between EU & Turkey – IV

Contract Number : TR2011-0135.15-07/12

Project Name: Entrepreneurial Skills By EU Network Project

Period: Feb 2016 – May 2017

The global objective of this project is to achieve a high level of mutual understanding between finance sectors of civil society in Turkey and in the EU Member States, including the implications of Turkey's EU membership.

Specific objective(s): Entrepreneurial learning and development of entrepreneurial skills by Entrepreneurial Training for students and Finance Management, Access to Finance and Internationalization Training for SMEs by cooperation of universities and EU partner, Valencia Young Entrepreneurship Association (AJEV) Spain.

Implementations at Okan University, Bahçeşehir University, Başkent University, İzmir Ekonomi University, Turku Applied Sciences University, Lahti Development Agency, Valencia Polytechnical University, Dudullu OSB, Anadolu OSB, İzmir Atatürk OSB.

Organization: Hungarian İstanbul Consulate General

Role & Responsibility: Project Coordinator

Program : EU-Turkey Intercultural Dialogue

Contract Number : TR2014/DG/04/A3-02-6

Project Name: Diversity in Unity: Intercultural Dialogue Through the Waves of Danube

Period: February 2019 – October 2020

The global objective of this project is to improve a dialogue and mutual understanding between Turkey and the EU Members of the Danube Region through culture, art and science so that artists and professionals from art, literature and cultural institutions in Turkey and their counterpart in the Danube Countries of the EU will find various opportunities to meet, work together and hence, to make cooperation for the further projects and related activities. The project, in this sense, will facilitate and pave the way for the dialogue and communication between those groups.

Project activities organized in İstanbul, Ankara, İzmir, Bursa, Mersin Kayseri, Çorum, Trabzon, Tekirdağ in Turkey and Budapest, Bucharest, Vienna, Belgrade, Sofia and Brussels in EU Countries.

Erasmus + Projects

Organization: Turkish Finance Managers Foundation

Role & Responsibility: Legal Representative & Project Coordinator

Program : Erasmus + Strategic Partnerships,
KA2 - Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices,
KA202 - Strategic Partnerships for vocational education and training
Contract Number : 2017-1-TR01-KA202-045735
Project Name: SME Academy Project
Period: Dec 2017 – Dec 2019

Partners: Afyon Sanayi Ticaret Odası, Uşak Sanayi Odası, Başkent Üniversitesi, MKV, MEUS, Turku Applied Sciences University

Globally, access to finance remains as one of the most significant constraints to the growth, productivity and even survival of SMEs—and to the critical jobs they create. SME Academy Project scope is to prepare and apply online and seminar based training to provide solution for SME credit gap. The contribution of Finance Club is providing information and tools to improve the capacity of SMEs to access to financial resources from Finance Sector, Banking Institutions.

Organization: Turkey Europe Foundation

Role & Responsibility: Legal Representative & Project Coordinator

Program : Erasmus + Strategic Partnerships,
KA2 - Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices,
KA205 - Strategic Partnerships for youth
Contract Number : 2018-2-TR01-KA205-060714
Project Name: Game Based Financial Literacy Education
Period: Sept 2018 – Aug 2021

Partners: Finlit Partners, Okan University, Polytechnical University Of Valencia, Valencia Young Entrepreneurship Association, Barem Eğitim, DK Yazılım.

The key objective of this project is to increase the knowledge and the skills of the young generation, helping them to make smart decisions for brighter financial future. The secondary objective of the project is to cooperate young University students to develop the game. This process will help them to understand the real-life works, combining with the importance of the literacy. The process of the development and implementation will provide opportunities to the partners, to work for the common goal and to understand the different cultures to increase the opportunities of networking, the exchange of best practices and between academics and civil society organizations from the EU and Turkey, and finally to enhance awareness of the opportunities and challenges of Turkey's accession to the EU.

The specific objective of this project is to increase the knowledge and the skills of the young generation, helping them to make smart decisions for brighter financial future. The secondary objective of the project is to cooperate young University students to develop the game.