

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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WORK EXPERIENCE

EU Affairs Expert (2011-2020)

[Republic of Turkey Ministry of Foreign Affairs Directorate for EU Affairs](#)

Department of Financial Cooperation

Main responsibilities: Project monitoring (Primarily responsible of Civil Society Sector for the last 6 years), IT management, planning, research and development, training, acting.

Research Assistant / Project Assistant (2006-2009)

Middle East Technical University (METU), [Centre for Black Sea and Central Asia \(KORA\)](#)

Main responsibilities: EU FP6, FP7 project assistant, conference organization, project development, quantitative and qualitative research, IT support.

Student Assistant (2005-2006)

Middle East Technical University, [Library Department](#)

Main responsibilities: Compilation, installation and maintenance of look up (WOPAC) terminals.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

MSc Degree, Programme of Information Technology (2018-2019)

[Birkbeck, University of London](#), UK (Degree: Merit)

PhD Degree, Department of Sociology (2008-2015)

[Middle East Technical University](#), TURKEY (Cum. GPA: 3.94/4.0)*

MSc Degree, Department of Sociology (2004-2008)

[Middle East Technical University](#), TURKEY (Cum. GPA: 3.64/4.0)*

Undergraduate Degree, Labour Economics and Industrial Relations (2000-2004)

Ankara University, [Faculty of Political Sciences](#), TURKEY

(Cum. GPA: 84.18/100 - 3.45/4.0, Honour Degree in 2002-2003)*

*All [diplomas](#) and [transcripts](#) are available on the personal website.

PERSONAL SKILLS

Language Skills

Turkish (Mother Tongue)

Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing
English	1	1	1
Greek	4	5	5
German	4	5	5

Communication / Organisational / Managerial / Job-related skills

- General Monitoring: Monitoring of two sectors and about 50 EU projects programmed from 2007 to 2017. Organization & active participation to the project steering committee meetings, study visits as well as Result Oriented Monitoring (ROM) missions of projects funded under Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA) I and IPA II, evaluation of project monitoring reports (PMR), interim and final reports, organization of meetings and minute writing in limited time span.
- IT Management: Web management and development of monitoring-information systems (MIS).
- Planning: Preparation of general ROM plan, preparation of workload analysis, planning of missions, conducting independent ROM visits (field study), writing ROM reports within 5 work days.
- Research and Development: Data management, summarization, preparation of situation analysis, working on research and development-based diagrams / tools / software for more effective and efficient monitoring of the programme.
- Training: Providing training to public institutions on “EU Financial Cooperation in Turkey” and “Project Cycle Management” in an entertaining way via alternative presentation techniques.
- Acting: Acting for Monitoring & Evaluation Coordinator in certain periods, coordination of staff (7 people), member of tender evaluation committees, multi-tasking operation and problem solution.

Digital Skills

Programmes	Skill Level (1 - excellent; 5 - basic)	Programmes	Skill Level (1 - excellent; 5 - basic)
Office (Word, Excel, PP, Visio)	2	Visual Basic*	2
SPSS	2	Gamemaker Studio/GML*	2
NVivo	3	Unreal / Godot / Unity*	4
HTML	2	Idea/IdeaSIM	2
Flash*	3	Arduino / MaKey / Micro:bit	3
Fireworks/Photoshop*	2	Audacity*	2
Pinnacle, Movie Studio*	2	Construct 2-3	3
Node XL	4	Gephi	4
Python / Django / Flask*	2	Scratch / Mblock*	2
Mbot / IDEABot*	2	Magica Voxel*	3

*Several works, applications and games are available at personal website and Google Play. Can be achieved by the links in the projects section.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ANNEXES

Publications

2011, Faith Based Organizations in the Struggle Against Poverty: Deniz Feneri Welfare and Solidarity Association Sample of Ankara Branch ([Amazon Books](#))

Presentations & Training Activities

2018, Scratch 2, mBot and Arduino - Coding / Robotic Coding Training for Students, BTK “EU Financial Cooperation in Turkey” ([Turkish](#)) and “Project Cycle Management” ([Turkish](#)) for: 2018, Security General Directorate
2017, Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey
2017, Ministry of Interior (Including IPA II Funding Mechanism gamified action process simulation)
2017, Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources - TEİAŞ

Digital Projects

2019, Project Metro and Project Metro II (MSc IT - graduation project, [online](#))
2019, Chatelaine (An avatar-based chat engine – [online](#))
2018, Behzat C= (A beat'm up & action, puzzle game, newly published, [Google Play](#))
2017, Red Reich (Strategy game, more than 5.000 installations, [Google Play](#))
2017, River Raid Red Alert (Shoot'em up game, more than 8.000 installations, [Google Play](#))
2017, Paytak (Unity 3D Project team member, [Windows](#))
2016, Arithmetica (Arithmetical puzzle & training game, [Android](#))
2014, Reever Raad (Shoot'em up game, more than 120.000 installations, [Android](#))
2013, [Aeneas II](#), [Aeneas X](#) (English-Turkish dictionary including 18.000+ European Union terms)
2010, Poseidon Juke Box (Greek Juke Box for [Facebook](#))
2009, CAP2084 (FPS game bootleg for [Windows](#))
2006, Quadra (Simple mind game for [Facebook](#))

Other Projects	<p>2017, IPA Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA) II Indicative Diagram (Turkish) (English)</p> <p>Working papers on science and society (Turkish)</p> <p>Working papers on daily life (Turkish)</p> <p>Sociology Doctoral Proficiency Exam Guide (Turkish)</p>
Conferences/Workshops	<p>2012, Black Sea Young Reformers Fellowship, The German Marshall Fund of the US, İstanbul</p> <p>2008, Return of Faith Based Society: Turkey and France (Paper presentation with Violette Fischer), Mediterranean Research Meeting, European University Institute, Florence</p> <p>2007-2008, Moral Basis of Faith Based Organizations (Poster presentation), Future's Workshop German-Turkish Research Programme, Goethe-Institute, Ankara & Berlin</p> <p>2006-2007, Urbanization, Poverty and Inequality, Joint Turkish-German Seminar (JGTS) Programme (Paper Presentation with Karin Kutter), Middle East Technical University, Heinrich Böll Stiftung, Ankara & Berlin</p>
Seminars/Internships	<p>2005, "Model Parliament in Turkish Grand National Assembly" International Republican Institute, Ankara</p> <p>2003, Foreign Trade Seminar Programme, Undersecretariat of Prime Ministry for Foreign Trade, Ankara</p>
Honours and awards	<p>2018-2019, Chevening Scholarship, Foreign and Commonwealth Office</p> <p>2008-2015, Scholarship for PhD, Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK)</p> <p>2006-2007, Scholarship for MSc, Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK)</p> <p>2002-2003, Certificate of Honour in Faculty of Political Sciences, Ankara University</p>
Memberships	<p>2018-2020 Volunteer Trainer & Master Trainer for Habitat Association for the project of "Those Who Code the Future" funded by The Vodafone Turkey Foundation</p> <p>2017-2020, Translation of "Construct 3" Game Making Engine</p> <p>2017-2018, Member of Specialization Commission for 11th Development Plan of Turkey into Turkish (team member – continuing, individual support: ~28%)</p> <p>2010-2018, Ankara University Faculty of Political Sciences Alumni Association (continuing)</p> <p>2008-2009, Membership of Computer Club (PhD)</p> <p>2006-2007, Membership of Sociology Club (MSc)</p> <p>2000-2001, Membership of Theatre Club (Undergraduate)</p> <p>1997-1998, Membership of Theatre Club (High school)</p> <p>1999-2000, Voluntary member of the Turkish Foundation for Combating Soil Erosion, for Reforestation and the Protection of Natural Habitats (TEMA)</p>
Courses	<p>2018, Games-Coding-Robotics and Future, used for training of trainers (English & Turkish)</p> <p>2017, Science and Society, a seminar course of world history including all social, political, economic and scientific developments from big bang to millennium (Turkish - not yet conducted)</p>
Certifications	<p>2020, Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Pilot (UAV-0, Directorate General of Civil Aviation)</p> <p>2019, Gamification Level 1 (Gamification Academy, İstanbul)*</p> <p>2019, Adobe Photoshop CC (University of Sussex, Brighton)*</p> <p>2018, Those Who Code the Future (The Vodafone Turkey Foundation & Habitat Association, Ankara)</p> <p>2017, Advanced Training on IPA II - Training of Trainers for Presentation Techniques (EY, Ankara)*</p> <p>2017, Unity Engine Game Making Courses (TED University, Ankara)</p> <p>2017, Advanced Training on IPA II Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation (College of Europe, Ankara)*</p> <p>2016, Civil Society Sub Sector 2016-2017 Planning, Preparation, Implement. (ARS Progetti, Ankara)*</p> <p>2016, Result Oriented Monitoring System Phase II Training (Integration GmbH, Ankara)*</p> <p>2016, Utilising Indicators for Monitoring of Results in IPA II (Integration GmbH, Ankara)*</p> <p>2016, Introductory Training on PRAG and Twinning (College of Europe, Ankara)*</p> <p>2016, Practical Python Courses (N-Beyin Workshop, Ankara)</p> <p>2016, Robotic Literacy Courses (N-Beyin Workshop, Ankara)</p> <p>2016, ERDF Funds Programming, Management and Evaluation (INAP, Madrid)*</p> <p>2015, Data Collection Methods: Interview, Focus Group and Questionnaire Techniques and Practices (Integration GmbH, Ankara)*</p> <p>2015, Gender Equality in the Actions (ACE International, Ankara)*</p> <p>2015, Quality Assurance of ROM TR II Reports and ROMIS (Integration GmbH, Ankara)*</p> <p>2015, Android Application Development Courses (Vektörel Bilişim, Ankara)</p> <p>2015, Refreshment of Result Oriented Monitoring TR Phase II (Integration GmbH, Ankara)*</p> <p>2015, Report Writing Techniques for ROM (Integration GmbH, Ankara)*</p> <p>2015, Result Oriented Monitoring in Turkey, (Integration GmbH, Ankara)*</p> <p>2009, C Programming courses (Middle East Technical University, Ankara)</p> <p>1996-1997, QBASIC courses (Çanakkale Foreign Language High School, Çanakkale)</p> <p>*Proof documents of the trainings in English are available at this link.</p>