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## STUDENTS LEARNING ABOUT THE EU PROJECT

**INTERNATIONAL  
CONFERENCE**

**TURKEY AND EU  
COMMON VALUES:  
REFLECTIONS ON  
THE EDUCATION  
SYSTEM**

**16 -17 DECEMBER 2015  
ANKARA**



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EU common values have a central role for the project of Technical Assistance for Students Learning about the EU Common Values, Fundamental Rights and Policies. In relation to the project's aim, international conference focuses on what kind of a tool education can be in raising awareness of Turkish society about EU common values as one of activities of the project.

### **The Background of the Conference Theme**

Education systems in Europe are rooted in national traditions and are characterized by specific national elements. It is not possible to speak about a single European education system. Forty-four education systems are included covering 36 countries participating in the EU's Erasmus+ Programme (EU Member States, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Norway, Serbia and Turkey). Interesting point here is however, in which way the systems respond to common goals which are set by the European Union. "Unity in Diversity" is of particular importance in implementing policies: we must know the differences and their roots before more unity can be made.

Since 2000, conscious of the importance of Education and Training for their economic and social objectives, EU Member States have begun working together to achieve specific goals in the field of education. By sharing examples of good policy practice, by taking part in Peer Learning activities, by setting benchmarks and by tracking progress against key indicators, the 28 Member States aim to respond coherently to common challenges, whilst retaining their individual sovereignty in the field of education policy. This strategy is referred to as the Education and Training 2020 programme (ET2020), which is an update of the Education and Training 2010 programme.

At the Conference of "Turkey and EU Common Values: Reflections on the Education System" answers for questions about education will be sought by taking into consideration conditions of the era we are in.



# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

16 DECEMBER 2015

**1<sup>st</sup> DAY**

09.00 - 10.00 **REGISTRATION**

10.00 - 11.15 **PRESENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME**

**NATIONAL ANTHEM / MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**Willem H. KOLTHOF**  
Project Team Leader

**Ziya YEDIYILDIZ**  
General Director of DG  
for EU and Foreign Relations, MoNE

**Emine DÖĞER**  
Acting Head of Central Finance and Contracts Unit

**Hansjörg HABER**  
Ambassador, Head of the EUD

**FILM SCREENING:** Project Promotional Film

**Nabi AVCI**  
Minister of National Education

11.15 - 11.45 **COFFEE BREAK**

11.45 - 12.30 *Key Note Speech: Education for Converging on  
Common Values*  
**Daria DUILOVIC ROWE**  
Head of Department for Coordination  
of Education Policy,  
Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina

12.30 - 14.00 **LUNCH**

14.00 - 15.00 **SESSIONS**

*Towards Europe 2020 Targets: Erasmus+ Programme*  
**Mesut KAMILOĞLU**  
President of The Turkish National Agency, Ministry for EU Affairs

*The Mainstreaming of the EU Common Values  
in Secondary Educational Systems*  
**Sergij GABRŠČEK**  
EU Education Expert-Slovenia

*Chapter 26 Education and Culture Negotiation  
Phase in the Pre Accession EU*  
**Arzu AKAR**  
EU Expert, Ministry for EU Affairs, Social,  
Regional and Innovative Policies Directorate

15.00 - 15.30 **COFFEE BREAK**

15.30 - 16.30 **SESSIONS**

*The Contributions of the Democratic Citizenship  
and Human Rights Education Project to Turkey*  
**Michael INGLEDOW**  
Head of Turkey Office, Council of Europe Programme Office

*The Education Policy of EU in the Light of the EU Common Values*  
**Prof. Dr. Sanem BAYKAL**  
The Director of Ankara University European Research Center

*EU Awareness in EU Countries and Turkey*  
**Oğuzhan AKYILDIRIM**  
Senior Statistician of Council of Europe

**PRESENTATION OF THE INTERACTIVE SEMINARS**

09.00 - 10.00 **REGISTRATION**10.00 - 11.00 **INTERACTIVE SEMINARS**

(The Participants will attend one of 2 seminar groups and will respectively attend the other group in the afternoon)

**1. SEMINAR GROUP**

New Approaches in the Education System  
in EU Countries: Exchange of the Best Practices

**Moderators:****Assoc. Prof. Zafer ÇELİK**

Faculty Member of Department of Sociology,  
Yıldırım Beyazıt University,  
Researcher at Foundation for Political,  
Economic and Social Research (SETA)

**Asst. Prof. Erhan AKDEMİR**

Anadolu University, Deputy Manager  
of EU Research Center

**2. SEMINAR GROUP**

The Mainstreaming of the EU Common Values  
in Secondary Educational Systems

**Moderators:****Sergij GABRŠČEK**

EU Education Expert-Slovenia

**Oğuzhan AKYILDIRIM**

Senior Statistician of Council of Europe

11.00 - 11.15 **COFFEE BREAK**11.15 - 12.30 **INTERACTIVE SEMINARS-CONTINUING**12.30 - 14.00 **LUNCH**14.00 - 15.30 **INTERACTIVE SEMINARS****1. SEMINAR GROUP**

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15.30 - 16.00 **COFFEE BREAK**16.00 - 17.00 **CLOSURE SESSION (PANEL)****Moderator:****Assoc. Prof. Mustafa Hilmi ÇOLAKOĞLU**

Ministry of National Education,  
Deputy Undersecretary/SPO

**Panelists:****Assoc. Prof. Zafer ÇELİK**

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**Arzu Akar**

EU Expert, Ministry for EU Affairs,  
Social, Regional and Innovative Policies Directorate

Arzu Akar has undergraduate degrees from both Department of Economics and Department of Politics and International Relations in Bahçeşehir University. Following her graduation, she started her graduate degree at Institute of European Union in Marmara University on European Economy. Afterwards, she completed her graduate degree at London School of Economics in England on European Social Policy.

Since her university years, she has done voluntary works at CSOs. After a short period of private sector experience, she continued her professional life as a project expert at CSOs that were active in youth, women, and development issues. She worked as a research assistant at Graduate School of Social Sciences in Dokuz Eylül University. For the last five years, she has been working as a European Union Affairs Expert in Ministry for EU Affairs. Coordination of works under (Chapter 26) Education and Culture, Erasmus+ Programme, and policies of education, culture, youth and sports are her responsibilities. Ms. Akar is also a member of the Board for Association of Aydınlar Eğitim ve Kültür Dayanışma.





**Daria Duilovic  
Rowe**

Head of Department for Coordination  
of Education Policy, Ministry of Civil Affairs  
of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Daria Duilovic Rowe has an advanced master degree in European Studies from the University of Bologna and over 30 years of extensive professional experience, with a focus on education and training reform, EU integration, public administration reform, human rights and democracy, social inclusion and cohesion, with specific expertise on: education and training policy and strategy development, qualification frameworks, entrepreneurship, EU integration in the area of education and training, higher and vocational education and training.

She started her professional career as a journalist/ editor reporting on education in "Oslobodjenje", leading daily newspaper in Bosnia & Herzegovina, followed by a position of Senior Education Adviser in an international agency (Office of the High Representative in BiH) and her current position of a Head of Department for coordination of education policy in the Ministry of Civil Affairs of BiH.

Apart from formal education, she has been a fellow of the Open Society Institute (Hungary) and Open Society Fund (BiH) in policy development fellowship programs in the area of European values and local governance.

In the last 17 years she has developed a career as an education expert, working with the relevant domestic stakeholders (ministries of education and employment, respective agencies and institutes, academia, students, NGOs) and key international organizations active in area of education and training, democracy and human rights and EU integration such as Council of Europe, European Union and its agencies (ETF, CEDEFOP, EACEA etc.), UNICEF, UNESCO, OECD etc.

She is one of the leading national experts in EU programming (Project Cycle Management).

Apart from BiH, she has worked in South East Europe, with special focus on the Balkan Countries, in qualification frameworks, higher education and vocational education, including development of the chapters on education and training (Smart Growth) within the SEE 2020 development strategy.



## **Asst. Prof. Dr. Erhan Akdemir**

Anadolu University,  
Deputy Manager of EU Research Center

Asst. Prof. Dr. Erhan Akdemir graduated from Atılım University Department of International Relations in 2003. After Atılım University, he completed his master's degree at the Ankara University Department of International Relations. The title of his master's thesis is "The Role of Think Tanks in Decision Making Process of American Foreign Policy: A Case of the Middle East". He received his PhD degree also from Ankara University Department of International Relations. His PhD thesis focused on the Turkey - EU relations from a constructivist theory which was focused on the identity and cultural issues. The title of his PhD thesis is "The Formation of European Identity and Culture in the Context of Discussions of Identity and Culture and the Influence of Turkey - EU Relations". Currently, he is working at the Anadolu University Faculty of Economics Department of International Relations as an Assistant Professor. Also, he is the Vice Director of the EU Research Centre of Anadolu University.



## Mesut Kamiloğlu

President of The Turkish National Agency,  
Ministry for EU Affairs

Mesut Kamiloğlu, graduated from Middle East Technical University, Department of International Relations (B.S, 1999). Received his Master of International Affairs degree (concentration on Economic and Political Development) from Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs (MIA, 2007).

Worked as a specialist at the R&D Department of Ziraat Bank (1999-2001). Continued his career at the Directorate General of EU Affairs of the Undersecretariat of State Planning Organization as junior and later senior planning specialist (2001-2009). Served as Head of Department for EU Economic and Social Cohesion at the Ministry of Development (2009-2014). Responsibilities included economic, social and spatial cohesion, EU financial cooperation, regional development, development agencies and EU accession negotiations. Appointed as Director for the Centre for EU Education and Youth Programmes -Turkish National Agency (August 2014-to date).

## Michael Ingledow

Head of Turkey Office,  
Council of Europe Programme Office

Michael Ingledow has worked at the Council of Europe for over 20 years, most recently as a senior political advisor, before taking up duties as Head of the Council of Europe Programme Office in Ankara in late 2014. He has previously worked on issues relating to global interdependence and on youth issues and, as well as on secondment to the Office of the Human Rights Ombudsperson in Bosnia and Herzegovina.



## Assoc. Prof. Mustafa Hilmi Çolakoğlu

Ministry of National Education,  
Deputy Undersecretary/SPO

Assoc. Prof. Mustafa Hilmi Çolakoğlu was born in 1957 in Ankara. He had his graduate degree from Department of Mechanical Engineering in METU and postgraduate degree from Hacettepe University Department of Wood Products Industrial Engineering. He has a PhD from Gazi University Faculty of Technical Education. He became associate professor in 2011.

He was the Acting President and Deputy President of KOSGEB. He worked at TTGV, METU, Erciyes Teknopark, and Kastamonu University. He is the Head of OECD PIAAC Group of Strategic Consultancy.



## Oğuzhan Akyıldırım

Senior Statistician of Council of Europe

Oğuzhan Akyıldırım, as a statistician, has more than 10 years of experience in European Union and World Bank capacity building projects and other international organizations such as EUROSTAT, ILO, FAO, UNICEF, UNDP, UNESCO, UNODC, CARICOM, and COMCEC. He has very good knowledge in the entire candidate countries in the EU enlargement process, as well as Western Balkan and Eastern Partnership countries, including Turkey through the participation to numerous EU funded projects. Beside his expertise in statistical domains, Mr. Akyıldırım has also more than 5 years experience in EU evaluation missions.

Mr. Akyıldırım has theoretical knowledge and deep practical experience in planning and conducting statistical surveys, in detail: statistical survey design, planning, sampling design, survey tools development and preparation, collecting, retrieving and understanding data, statistical analyses, modelling techniques, and assessing their quality as well as reporting and dissemination. He also worked as a lecturer at the Middle East Technical University between 1998 and 2001 and has extensive training experience at university level teaching on statistical methodologies. He provided numerous trainings on Statistics and use of IBM SPSS software for data processing and analysis.

During his extensive carrier in Turkstat, he gained deep experience on many official statistics domains and on statistical information systems related activities such as survey design, data collection, data processing, analysis, dissemination and reporting. He has practical experience and methodological background on employment, education, business, and agricultural statistics.

Following some projects he contributed as Team Leader or expert

- Upgrading Statistical System of Turkey Project, Phase I
- Strengthening the Statistical Capacity of Ministry of National Education, Turkey
- Technical Assistance and Data Collection for Strengthening the Statistical Capacity of the MARA, Turkey
- Strengthening Institutional Capacity of Ministry of Labour and Social Security on Statistics (STATCAP), Turkey
- The Establishment of a Labour Market Information System for Proper Management of the Regime for Free Movement of Skills within the Caribbean Community, Barbados
- Improving Statistical Information System – Montenegro
- Assessment of Statistical Systems of COMCEC Member Countries
- Labour Market Research, Croatia
- Technical Assistance to Serbian Statistical Office for Establishing the Statistical Farm Register
- EU Assistance for the Population and Housing Census in BiH,
- EU Assistance for Further Development of national statistics in the Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan



## **Prof. Dr. Sanem Baykal**

The Director of Ankara University  
European Research Center

Sanem Baykal is a Professor of European Union Law at Ankara University Law Faculty. She obtained her LLB from Ankara University Law Faculty, her LLM from the University of London in European Law as a Jean Monnet Scholar and her PhD from Ankara University in European Union Law. During 2004–2005 she was an Emile Noël Fellow and a Hauser Research Scholar at New York University School of Law. She has worked at the Turkish Ministry for EU Affairs as the Director of EU Law Directorate between October 2009 and October 2012. She is currently the Head of the EU Law Department at Ankara University Law Faculty, as well as the Head of the Graduate Studies in European Union at Ankara University at the Department of European Union and International Economic Relations. She is also the Director of Ankara University European Research Centre since September 2015. Dr. Baykal has published monographs, book chapters and articles on EU Law and Turkey–EU relations.



**Sergij Gabrscek**

EU Education Expert-Slovenia

Dr. Sergij Gabrscek has over 35 years' experience as Researcher, Consultant, Key Expert and Team Leader in all levels of education. He started his professional career as a researcher at the university research institute Jozef Stefan in Ljubljana, Slovenia. He established the National Examination Centre in Slovenia and was its Director General in the period 1992-1999, introducing the first external secondary school leaving examinations in Slovenia that replaced all entrance examinations for higher education institutions. Slovenia has served as an example for nearly all assessment activities in countries that have developed and introduced external assessment after 1995 in countries of Central and Eastern Europe, South-East Europe and many NIS countries.

Dr. Gabrscek has been involved in many projects in and outside the region in different countries (Lithuania, Moldova, Ukraine, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Croatia, Macedonia, Nigeria, South Sudan and many others) working with national and international organisations. The focus of his professional work moved to the interface between education and labour market and employment. He has been working with all levels of education (primary education, general secondary education, VET and higher education) in the areas of curriculum development, assessment and examinations, teacher' professional development, quality assurance, monitoring and evaluation non-formal and informal learning and national qualifications frameworks. In some countries in Europe, Africa and The Middle East he was involved in the development of teachers' professional competences and their capacity building.

He was working with the key International Institutions such as the European Union, World Bank, Open Society Institute, DFID in many countries.

He attended post-graduate courses at the University of Cambridge and University of Chicago and in the academic year 2002/2003 he was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of California at Berkeley. He also received the National Award for Research and Development work in Slovenia in 1992

His bibliography shows a number of research papers, papers on different conferences, for many of which he was an invited speaker. It also shows publications in renowned journals and monographies. His work is marked not only by professionalism, but also by enthusiasm, creativity and humour.

His present position is Director of R&D Unit, CPZ-International Centre for Knowledge Promotion, Slovenia.





## Assoc. Prof. Zafer Çelik

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Zafer Çelik graduated from METU, Department of sociology, He got his Ms. degree in Sociology from METU and PhD. degree in sociology from Hacettepe University.

He studied at Chemnitz University of Technology, Germany, as an exchange student. He worked as a visiting scholar at Humboldt University of Berlin. After teaching for some years in primary and secondary schools, he worked as a director of the department of education systems and policies at the Board of Education, at the Ministry of National Education. Now he is teaching at the department of sociology of Yıldırım Beyazıt University. His current research interest is in comparative educational policy studies.

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