

CURRICULUM VITAE

1. **Family name:** KUZU
2. **First names:** Mehmet
3. **Date of birth:** 12.06.1986
4. **Nationality:** Turkish Republic
5. **Civil Status:** Single
6. **Education:** Undergraduate



Institution [Date from - Date to]	Degrees or Diplomas obtained:
2000-2004	Izmir Ataturk High School (diploma)
2004-2009	Middle East Technical University Department of Statistics (BSc diploma)
2010-2012	University of Lausanne Research Studies (Actuary and Political Science)
2012-...	Ankara University MA Political Science (w/o thesis)

7. **Language skills: (1 - excellent; 5 - basic)**

Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing
Turkish	Mother Tongue		
English	1	1	1
French	5	5	5

8. **Membership of professional bodies:**

9. **Other skills:** Full Computer Literacy (Mac, Windows Vista, XP, and Microsoft Office Tools: Excel, Word, PowerPoint, etc.)

Prezi and Infographic Tools

Social Media tools

Programming in R, data science

10. **Present position:** Business Development and Entrepreneurship Specialist at Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO)

11. **Years within the firm:** July 2019 - ...

12. **Key qualifications:**

- *Team leading*
- *Non-violence communication*
- *Community building, democratic participation models, social inclusion methodologies improvment*
- *Trainer skills, training modules builder in nonformal education*
- *Data analysis and social impact analysis skills*
- *Organizational behavior and structural development skills*
- *Sustainability expert for NGOs*
- *Fund raising skills for NGOs*

13. Specific experience in the region:

Country	Date from - Date to
Finland Training for European Citizenship (Youth in Action-TCP Finnish National Agency)	2007
Turkey Training of Trainers for Non-Formal Education Turkish National Agency	2009
Switzerland Training of Multipliers for Youth in Action CH Foundation (Swiss NA)	2009
France Youth in Action 4.3 Projects Seminar French National Agency	2011
Switzerland Seven Wonders of Youth EU Youth in Action Program, Youth Exchange, project coordinator	2011-2012
Tunisia Training of Youth Democratic Participation Council of Europe-Arab League	2012
Turkey Training of Trainers for Lifelong Learning Program Turkish National Agency	2012
Greece Lifelong Learning Multiplier Workshop Kalamata Youth Center	2013
Denmark Child Friendly City Conference, participation for Seferihisar Municipality	2014
France Congress of Local and Regional Authorities Council of Europe-Youth Delegate TR	2014
Turkey Iste Genc (This is Youth) in charge of Governor of Izmir, trainer and consultant for project implementation	2015-2016
Turkey Future is in Education and Education is in Future, TRH4.1.ISEDP/P-03/1582, Konak Municipality, project coordinator	2017-2018
Turkey Sharing Cities by Youth Entrepreneurship. Erasmus+KA3, Konak Municipality,	2017-2018
Belgium European Development Network Meeting, Erasmus+ KA1	2019
Malaysia Global Youth Forum 2020, International Cooperative Alliance	2020

14. Professional experience

Date from – Date to	Location	Company	Position	Description
01/04/2009 – ...	Turkey	Turkish National Agency	Freelance Trainer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation of Training of Trainers (TOT), working as a freelance trainer all over Turkey on behalf of Turkish National Agency
01/01/2011 – 28/02/2012	Lausanne	Pusula Newspaper	Journalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Columnist and regional news editor in Geneva and Lausanne region
05/06/2013 – 31/12/2014	Seferihisar, Izmir	Seferihisar Municipality	Consultant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsible of the Child Friendly City policies with the coordination of UNICEF and International Children Center, Responsible for Opinion Research and Statistics
01/07/2014 – 31/12/2015	Selcuk, Izmir	Selcuk Municipality	Consultant, Project Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNESCO membership process and EU funded projects consultancy, trainings for Municipal workers
19/02/2015 – ...	Izmir	Youth Deal Cooperative	Co-Founder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first “New Generation Cooperative” in Turkey that was established after the 2012-2016 Strategic Action Plan that was published by the Ministry of Trade. He took the role of networking and building the organizational structure of the first three years of establishment voluntarily. Research, consultancy and project development programmes were improved collectively. Cooperative is growing day by day and there are 14 members by 2020. Trainer of “İşte Genç” Project which was funded by the EU Erasmus+ Programme Key Action 3. (coordinated by the Governorship of Izmir.) Project Manager of New Generation Cooperatives Society which is funded by the EU.
19/01/2016 – 28/02/2018	Konak, Izmir	Konak Municipality	General Secretary of City Council Project Coordinator of EU funded projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Konak is the center of Izmir and there are around 2000 NGOs. City Council is structured by the representatives of all NGOs. As General Secretary of the City Council full of human rights (women, child, LGBTIQ, handicapped, Romani etc.) work was dedicated. Future is in Education and Education is in Future, TRH4.1.ISEDP/P-03/1582 Project coordination with the team of 8.
01/04/2019 – 31/12/2019	Gaziemir, Izmir	Cevdet Inci Educational Foundation	Project Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fundraising and European voluntary Service coordination Digital tools adaptation for volunteer management
01/05/2019 – 31/12/2019	Izmir	Change Leaders Association	Consultant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social impact report and 10 years analysis of NGO work and Building strategies Google Drive, Slack and similar digital tools adaptation and info seminars
29/07/2019 – ...	Izmir	Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO)	National Consultant (end.21.03.2021) Business Development and Entrepreneurship Specialist (22.03.2021-...)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trainer and Monitoring Advisor for Entrepreneurship Projects Capacity building of Cooperatives that involve Turkish – Syrian women members The projects take place in Izmir, Mardin, Bursa, Adana and Sanliurfa. Mentor of Agricultural Development Cooperatives digitization program Sales and marketing planning for women oriented agricultural cooperatives Employment and income generation tools building with public authorities Fund management and efficiency of procurement for sustainability Human resources management under collective entrepreneurship organizations

14/02/2020 – ...	Izmir	Yaren Cooperative	Co-Founder	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yaren Cooperative is the cultural and art collective initiative for children and women. It is the first example of cooperation in this field. There are research, folklore and local development programmes under cooperation.• He takes responsibility for cooperative management and institutionalisation with dynamic governance methods. In all programmes, social impact analysis is done for measuring change and transformation.
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15. Other Relevant Information

Honors and awards:

- Academic honor list of Middle East Technical University, 2005-2006.
- On behalf of Youth Deal Cooperative Cooperative Entrepreneurship Award from Ministry of Trade, 2017.

Memberships

- Middle East Technical University Alumni Association, 2009.
- University Community Association. 2013.
- Izmir Ataturk High School Alumni Association, 2014.
- Fraternity and Solidarity Foundation, 2015.

Certificates:

- Greening the Economy: Sustainable Cities by Lund University on Coursera. Certificate earned on December 15, 2016
- Smart Cities – Management of Smart Urban Infrastructures by École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne on Coursera. Certificate earned on September 19, 2017
- Cooperative Management by Anadolu University. E-certificate earned on September 23, 2018.
- BSafe, United Nations Security Policies Certificate. E-certificate earned on July 16, 2019.

Publications:

- Kuzu, M. & Gozleveli, M. E. (2019, May 1). *Social Cooperative for Communities in the Periphery of the Cities*. Retrieved from <https://gencisi.org/kent-ceperinde-sosyal-koop/>
- Kuzu, M. (2019, August 1). *Neighborhood Mappings: New Generation Municipalism*. Retrieved from <https://sosyalekonomi.org/neighborhood-mappings-new-generation-municipalism/>
- Kuzu, M. (2020, May 28). *Social and Solidarity Economy Step by Step I*. Retrieved from <https://sosyalekonomi.org/adim-adim-dayanisma-ekonomisi/>