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Prof.Cicek is a life-time learner and an expert on higher education studies mainly in internationalization, policy & development, accreditation and quality assurance areas. He is willing to explore new challenges and contribute to Higher Education institutions with his 25 years of teaching, research, accreditation and quality assurance experiences and networking in global higher education in Europe, Mediterranean, Middle East, Far East and in the USA.

Prof Cicek currently serves as Executive Board Member of CEENQA and YODAK (Cyprus) building his experience on the quality assurance and improvement activities of the member agencies as well as institutions from Central and Eastern Europe.

He is also a member of Accreditation Committee for British Accreditation Council's (BAC), willing to contribute to maintaining global educational and quality standards. In addition to his board and committee roles, he serves as an International Expert and Reviewer for Agency for Quality Assurance (AQAS) in Germany, Slovenian Quality Assurance Agency (NAKVIS) in Slovenia, Quality Agency for Higher Education (AIKA) in Latvia, QAAHE-ASCAL, in Albania. With these roles, Prof. Cicek brings extensive experience in the institutional level accreditation process as well as program level accreditation based on European Standards and Guidelines. He is recently affiliated with in reviewer scheme of AACSB, AALHE, ICHRIE, Quality Matters and evaluator for EQUAA and SACSCOC in the USA.

Dr. Cicek has an MSc in Business and Tourism from University of Surrey, U.K, and PhD in Management and Tourism from University of Dokuz Eylul in Turkey. He has been continuing his career as an academic leader, faculty member, and a researcher at different universities namely in Turkey, Dubai, Singapore, UK, Switzerland, Cyprus, and USA for the last 25 years.

He has been serving at managerial positions starting from the Head of Department, Deputy Director for the Social Sciences Institute, General Manager for the Training Hotel, Dean of Business School and Dean of Research and Development, Vice-Rector, Rector and finally Executive Board Member of Higher Education Council. He was joined as a Visiting Scholar at University of South Florida, USA to carry out a research project on Quality Assurance and Accreditation. During his services at various universities in different countries, he gained a broad outlook, multicultural view, and in-depth knowledge and experiences in the development and internationalization of higher education globally.