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**Secretary General
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Subject: Statement of Motivation

April 14, 2014

Dear Secretary General,

I have been working as the Director of Bogazici University Lifelong Learning Center (BULLC) since its establishment in 2002. Up-to-now there is a continuous increase in the activities of the Center. The number of participants attended to our courses reached to 60.000 and additionally the numbers of companies that we serviced are more than 650.

I developed and coordinated a multilateral Comenius project and participated as local coordinator in four different Leonardo projects. Currently I am involved in the COMMIT project coordinated by the EUCEN. In 2002, I initiated and directed a project for the hospitality sector, which was a milestone in the development of the national qualification framework, between four universities, the sector's associations and an international awarding body.

Besides my works at the BULLC, I also work to lead and foster ULLL policy in Turkey. I am one of the founders and currently the President of the Network for Turkish Universities Continuing Education Centers.

After the membership of our university to the EUCEN, I have been active in the EUCEN. I attended all the General Assemblies of the EUCEN except one in Malta due to the academical schedule. As a first time in Turkey, we decided to host EUCEN Annual Conference in 2015 at our university. On the other hand, being a co-opted member to SC recently, I have got the chance to know better the EUCEN and its functions.

In addition to implementing reforms of Lisbon strategy, there are higher expectations with Europe 2020 strategy. In this context, the contribution of the EUCEN to the education and training in Europe 2020 Strategy is significant.

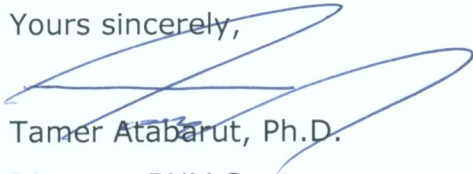
Since being a citizen of non EU country, Turkey, it could be asked my motivation for Europe 2020 strategy. However, as declared by the Commission, this strategy is not only relevant inside the EU; but it can also offer considerable potential to candidate countries and support extensively their own reform efforts. Furthermore, by means of expanding the area where EU rules are applied, new opportunities for both the EU and non-EU countries will be created.



Concerning my experience and dedicated work in ULLL and commitment to European citizenship, I would like to be a candidate for a member of Steering Committee of EUCEN. If I could be elected, it would be my pleasure and honor to work diligently for EUCEN mission.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, if you require any additional information.

Yours sincerely,



Tamer Atabarut, Ph.D.

Director, BULLC

PS. I would like to confirm that in addition to the support of my university, I have the health and life insurances which also cover my travel risks (please see the policies attached).

Curriculum Vitae



1. **Family name:** ATABARUT
2. **First names:** Tamer
3. **Date of birth:** 16.09.1965
4. **Nationality:** Turkish
5. **Civil status:** Married
6. **Education:** Civil/Environmental Engineer, Ph.D.

<i>Institution :</i>	Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey
<i>Date: from(months/year)- to (months/year)</i>	10/1990-06/2000
<i>Degree(s) or diploma(s) :</i>	Ph.D. in Environmental Technologies

<i>Institution :</i>	Aachen Technical University, Aachen, Germany
<i>Date: from(months/year) - to (months/year)</i>	09/1997 - 12/1997
<i>Degree(s) or diploma(s) :</i>	Research study

<i>Institution :</i>	Harburg Technical University, Hamburg, Germany
<i>Date: from(months/year) -to (months/year)</i>	09/1994 - 12/1994
<i>Degree(s) or diploma(s) :</i>	Research Study

<i>Institution :</i>	Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey
<i>Date: from(months/year) -to (months/year)</i>	10/1988 – 06/1990
<i>Degree(s) or diploma(s) :</i>	M.Sc. in Environmental Technologies

<i>Institution :</i>	Bogaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey
<i>Date: from(months/year) -to (months/year)</i>	10/1983 – 06/1988
<i>Degree(s) or diploma(s) :</i>	B.Sc. in Civil Engineering

<i>Institution :</i>	Bornova Anadolu High School, Izmir, Turkey
<i>Date: from(months/year)-to (months/year)</i>	09/1976– 06/1983
<i>Degree(s) or diploma(s) :</i>	High School (Mathematics)

7. Language skills: Indicate competence on a scale 1 to 5 (1-excellent; 5-basic)

<i>Language</i>	<i>Reading</i>	<i>Speaking</i>	<i>Writing</i>
Turkish (native)	1	1	1
English	1	1	1
German	3	3	3

8. **Membership of professional bodies:**

- President of Council of Turkish Universities Continuous Education Centres (TUSEM)
- Co-opted Member of SC, European Universities Continuous Education Network(EUCEN)
- Member of the Supreme Board of Turkish Press Council
- Member of the Executive Committee of World Association of Press Councils
- Member of the Turkish National Committee on Solid Wastes (KAKAD)
- Founding Member of Kriton Curi Environment Foundation
- Member of Chamber of Civil Engineers
- Board Member of Bogazici University Alumni Association (BUMED)
- Education Counsellor to Turkish Hotels Association

9. **Other skills:** MS Office applications, Internet applications, Project Management Programs (Primevera, MS Project), Autocad

10. **Present position:** Director, Bogazici University Lifelong Learning Centre (BULLC)

11. **Years within the firm:** 12 years in BULLC and totally 25 years in Bogazici University

12. **Key qualifications:**

Dr Atabarut has more than 25 years of professional experience including project management and provision of technical, analytical and policy consultancy to private firms, central and local governments, and NGOs. His working experience on lifelong learning includes developing, and implementing various training programs. He organised more than 60 academic meetings (international conferences, symposiums, etc.) and edited 15 books. His professional carrier gained him exceptional organizational and communication skills including initiating and developing projects, fundraising, and preparation of work plan, budget, briefing documents and press release.

13. **Specific country experience:**

Country	Date: from (month/year) to (month/year)
Turkey	07/1988-date
Kazakhstan	05/2007-12/2008
Germany	09/1994 - 12/1994 & 09/1997 - 12/1997

14. **Professional experience record (projects):** *Selected projects*

Date: from (month/year) to (month/year)	10/2013- date
Location	Istanbul, Turkey
Company	Contractor- Bogazici University Client: EU
Position	Partner Coordinator
Description	Leonardo TOI Project – BOND. It aims to transfer the PT Pedagogical Training for Trainers Methodology to VET teachers, trainers, training managers and other individual that want acquire competences as trainers; to establish an operational framework to develop an EQF and ECVET model for Pedagogical Training for Trainers; to test the Methodology in each partner country, trough carrying on a pilot training for trainers (a short mediation version, delivered in English); To create a network of high-performing trainers where members share their learning and experiences and discuss concrete issues related to European Strategy 2020 and VET. STP Training (Coordinator) – ES; BU –TR, ISQ – PT, BEST – AT, NET-MEX KFT – HU,METH PARTNERSHIP – IR, INFODEF – ES.

Date: from (month/year) to (month/year)	10/2013- date
Location	Istanbul, Turkey
Company	Contractor- Bogazici University Client: EU
Position	Partner Coordinator
Description	ERASMUS Multilateral project– COMMIT. It aims to work in a collaborative and developmental way with key actors in the management teams of universities to promote commitment to change; further elaborated and underpin the visits by training; review the key tools and additional features will be incorporated; develop a new tool for monitoring attainment and pilot to test feasibility; add other countries, especially those where current data indicates they have most work to do to attain the targets for EU 2020; invite other EU projects to share results. 13 partners (including the coordinator, EUCEN) from 12 different countries (BE, BG, DE, FI, FR, GR, IT, PL, PT, RO, TR, UK)

Date: from (month/year) to (month/year)	10/2013- date
Location	Istanbul, Turkey
Company	Contractor- Bogazici University Client: EU
Position	Partner Coordinator
Description	Leonardo TOI Project – THEATRE. It aims to straggle with drop out phenomenon in VET. Extracurricular activities should be regarded as a fundamental tool to decrease the risk of drop out and alienation to the education / training, especially among the younger learners, to increase the motivation and support the vocational and personal learning process. Centro Studi Opera Don Calabria-IT (Coordinator), BU –TR, Centro Ricerche Documentazione e Studi – IT, Grodzki Theatre Association-PL, The Cedar Foundation-UK.

Date: from (month/year) to (month/year)	07/2011- 07/2012
Location	Istanbul, Turkey
Company	Contractor- BUVAK Client: Istanbul Development Agency
Position	Training Coordinator
Description	Development of Centre for Entrepreneurship: Development of entrepreneurship curriculum, assessment of training candidates, giving training to the entrepreneur candidates, giving related consultancy in order to enlarge their companies, finding business angels

Date: from (month/year) to (month/year)	11/2010- 05/2013
Location	Istanbul, Turkey
Company	Contractor- Bogazici University (Leader) Client: EU

Position	Project Coordinator
Description	Comenius Multilateral Project -Developing In-Service Training for Inclusive Classroom Teachers. Determine the specific and current needs, knowledge, skills attitudes and perceptions of primary school teachers who have a variety of children with different needs, including children with special educational needs. Promote European co-operation in teacher training in inclusive practices, exchange of experiences regarding inclusion and mutual understanding. To this end, a series of modules will be developed; train target classroom teacher trainers who will themselves train target classroom teachers. Besides BULLC, the partners are İstanbul Local Authority of Education-TR, Academy of Management– PL , University of Antwerp –BE, Noel Park Primary School – UK, University of Evora – PT.

Date: from (month/year) to (month/year)	06/2009 - 11/2009
Location	Istanbul, Turkey
Company	Contractor- HTSPE Ltd. Client: EC Delegation in Ankara
Position	Technical expert
Description	Technical Assistance to the EC Delegation in Ankara for the Implementation of the Human Resources Development Operational Programme (HRD OP). The purpose of this assignment is to assess and to revise the Situation Analysis Report for Turkey. This report provides the analysis of the current situation in Turkey regarding two measures of the HRD OP with a view to understand the existing needs and gaps eventually to be funded through EC financial assistance programmes. Recommendations are also provided so as to implement the two measures. The report presents the situation analysis regarding the two themes of the HRD OP Measures; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measure 2.2. To improve the content and quality of Vocational and Technical Education • Measure 3.2. To increase adaptability of employees and employers by investing more in human capital

Date: from (month/year) to (month/year)	11/2007-03/2008
Location	Istanbul, Turkey
Company	Contractor-ICC Ltd. & Client- Metropolitan Municipality of Istanbul
Position	Team Leader for Environment and Infrastructure Sectors
Description	Sectorial Study for Determination of Present Status and Scenarios of Metropolitan City of Istanbul. The aim of this project was to determine the current situation and to make a forecast for 25 years in six different sectors inc. infrastructure and environment sectors.

Date: from (month/year) to (month/year)	01/2005-12/2005
Location	Istanbul, Turkey
Company	Contractor-BULLC, BUVAK, IB & Client- ISKUR/EU Fund
Position	Cordinator
Description	Employment Aimed Vocational Training Program Project. The project aimed to train unemployed 120 high school graduates, who were recorded in the database of ISKUR Istanbul-Sisli. The subjects of the vocational programs were Computer Programming, Public Relations, Business Administration, Medical Equipment Marketing, Marketing and Sales, and Travel Agency.

Date: from (month/year) to (month/year)	01/2005-12/2005
Location	Amasya, Turkey
Company	Contractor-BULLC, BUVAK, Amasya Chamber of Commerce & Client- ISKUR/EU Fund
Position	Assessor
Description	Training Program for Opening of Amasya to the New Markets is designed to increase the skills of the unemployed 64 participants from Amasya. A training program was prepared by Bogazici University by taking into consideration of the basic employment needs of Amasya. The training programs include Basic English, Business English, Computer Skills, Foreign Trade and e-Business.

Date: from (month/year) to (month/year)	01/2003-12/2008
Location	Istanbul, Turkey
Company	Turkish Hotels Association (TUROB)
Position	Project Coordinator
Description	International Certification Project for Hospitality Sector: A project was conducted to develop curriculum and assessment for the hospitality sector together with Bogazici, Akdeniz, Ankara and Ege universities, sectorial bodies (TUROB, TUGEV), and British awarding body (Edexcel).

15. **Professional experience record:**

Date: from (month/year) to (month/year)	02/2002-date
Location	Istanbul, Turkey
Company	Bogazici University Lifelong Learning Centre
Position	Director, Faculty Member

Date: from (month/year) to (month/year)	01/2009-date
Location	Istanbul, Turkey
Company	Regional Environmental Centre (REC)
Position	Jury Member EU Environment Awards

Date: from (month/year) to (month/year)	01/2001-02/2002
Location	Istanbul, Turkey
Company	Bahcesehir University, Project Development & Freshman Coordination Unit
Position	Coordinator

Date: from (month/year) to (month/year)	01/2001-02/2002
Location	Istanbul, Turkey
Company	Bahcesehir University, Faculty of Engineering
Position	Faculty Member, Assistant Professor

Date: from (month/year) to (month/year)	06/1988-01/2001
Location	Istanbul, Turkey
Company	Bogazici University
Position	Different positions

16. **Others (e.g. publications)**

He coordinated or worked in more than 60 national and international projects. He organized more than 60 national and international academic meetings. He is the editor of 15 books and author of many articles and technical reports.