BIOGRAPHY

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Mr. Yavuzdemir currently heads the Foreign Relations Group at the Turkish Energy Market Regulatory Authority (EMRA). He leads a team of energy experts, officers, and translators in the Strategy Development Department at EMRA.

Mr. Yavuzdemir holds a BSc in Civil Engineering from Middle East Technical University, an MSc in Business Administration from Ankara University, and an MSc in Public Administration from Syracuse University in New York/USA, both with full scholarships.

Mr. Yavuzdemir has over 15 years of experience in energy markets, specialized in licensing, renewables, and supply quality in electricity distribution as well as bilateral and international regulatory cooperation. He served as a member of the MedREG Electricity Working Group between 2015-2020 and contributed to several works and deliverables of the organization. He was also elected as Vice-Chair of the Electricity Working Group in 2020 and as Chair of the Price Surge Task Force in 2022 and is the main drafter of the current Energy Price Surge 2023 Update Report of MedREG. He also represented not only EMRA but also MEDREG as a speaker in workshops, conferences and trainings held by.other international organizations.

In his regulatory career at EMRA, Mr. Yavuzdemir served first as an assistant expert and then as an energy expert at the Electricity Market Department in Hydroelectric Generation Group as well as Distribution and Retail Sales Group. He worked on licensing and field inspections of hydroelectric and wind power plants, conducting quality audits and monitoring the performance of electricity distribution companies. He also contributed to drafting many regulations in the electricity market at national level. Before being appointed as Head of Foreign Relations Group he served as the Head of Training and Management Development Group at EMRA. He is a member of the Energy Experts Association and a member of its editorial board. He has published several articles in both national and international publications on various energy topics.

His daily routine at EMRA includes ensuring the creation, development, and execution of international regulatory assistance projects and coordination with stakeholders, coordinating relations and negotiations with international institutions, ensuring the coordination between these institutions and EMRA ensuring the management and coordination of the bilateral relations established by EMRA with other countries in the field of energy.