



### **Seran Karatarı Köstü**

Seran Karatarı Köstü, a Turkish citizen, graduated from Ankara University Faculty of Law in 2002, acquired her lawyer's licence in Izmir Bar Association and completed her master's degree in European Union Law at Dokuz Eylul University Faculty of Law, with her thesis titled "Action for Annulment in European Union Law".

She started her career as an administrative judge on 13.10.2006 and served as a judge-rapporteur in the 9th and 5th Chambers of the Council of State (CoS) of Turkey, dealing with tax and administrative cases and in General Secretariat of the CoS mainly responsible with International Relations and Project Bureau.

From 2016 to 2019, she was seconded to the Council of Europe, HELP (The European Program for Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals) Unit under the National Implementation Directorate for Human Rights as a Senior Project Manager and along with other duties, mainly carried out the Project on "Protection of Rights of Refugees and Migrants in Turkey". As a certified HELP Tutor of the Council of Europe, she took part in the Training of Trainers at the Justice Academy of Turkey and tutored online HELP trainings on various topics for the judges at the Ministry of Justice.

From 2019 to 2021, she was seconded to the Department of Human Rights of the Ministry of Justice and since 2021, she has been serving as judge-rapporteur at the General Secretariat of the CoS. Ms Karatari Köstü is also a member of the Advisory Commission of Human Rights and Equality Institution of Turkey since October 2021.