

Dr Adem Kumcu
Curriculum Vitae



President of UNITEE since 2011, Dr Adem Kumcu is a founding member of the European-Turkish Business Confederation advocating the interests of entrepreneurs with a migrant background at the European level.

Dr Kumcu has long combined his multiple entrepreneurial experience with a career in academia. He studied Sociology to MA level at Utrecht University in the Netherlands and obtained a PhD in Social and Economic Sciences from the University of Amsterdam in 2001.

Similarly, Dr Kumcu has demonstrated a strong civic engagement.

He has worked for various Commissions of the Dutch Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Education, Culture and Science, and Economic Affairs between 2000 and 2006 and he was a Member of the Board of Advisors of The Oranje Foundation from 2008 until 2010.

Dr Kumcu was also the President of Cosmicus Foundation (2007-2010), President of Annifer Foundation (2001-2005), President of New European Business Foundation (1998-2002), and Member of the Board of Governors of SOEBA Foundation (1992-1995).

Before setting up UNITEE, Adem Kumcu worked as Program Manager for Diversity and Integration Policy at the Municipality of Utrecht (2007-2010) and as Strategic Advisor of the Executive Board of Utrecht University (2004-2007). He was Urban Economist for WIBW (2003-2004) and Scientific Researcher at the Institute for Migration and Ethnic Studies of the University of Amsterdam (2002-2003).

Dr Kumcu is also an active promoter of social and cultural entrepreneurship. He has been invited as a public speaker to international conferences and is the author of numerous publications on topics like immigrant entrepreneurship, education policy, etc.

He is a fluent speaker of French, Dutch, English, and Turkish. He is married and has three children.