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Dr. Okandan received her bachelor's and master's degrees in economics and business administration from Istanbul and Innsbruck Universities, and completed her PhD on the relationship between art and corporations at Istanbul University with the support of Copenhagen Business School Art & Leadership Center. Between 2004-2006, she worked as a long-term consultant to leading companies in Turkey on strategic management and scenario techniques. Since 2006, she has been designing and conducting participatory meetings for NGOs, artist initiatives, national and international artist support and cultural policy programs and women entrepreneurship programs. She conducted her postdoctoral studies at the Center for Arts Policy Research at Princeton University School of Politics with a Tübitak fellowship and subsequently became an Associate Professor.

In 2022, she completed 16 years of academic and administrative duties at Istanbul Bilgi University and worked abroad as a faculty member in Sharjah and Berlin. In addition to her advocacy work on the UNESCO Diversity of Cultural Expression convention, she supports the UNESCO National Committee on digitalization. Since the beginning of 2024 she has been selected as an expert for the UNESCO/EU Culture2030 Cultural indicators studies. Her research on innovation and sustainability in the creative fields, especially in art and design, creative industries and creative entrepreneurship contributes to national and international networks as an author and mentor. Currently she serves as the key expert to national creative economy strategy development for Türkiye and Kosovo. She is a founding member of Culture Unleashed, a decentralized culture and creative industries consulting platform.