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Simay has been working in the energy industry since 2012. Her current role is Business Development Director at GoodWe Turkey- the solar inverters manufacturer & energy storage solutions provider.

She worked in China and Turkey and mostly focused on international commercial activities in solar and renewable energy fields. EkoRE – Eko Renewable Energy, Talesun Solar, CSUN Eurasia, Schneider Electric, Arcelik (BEKO), Lucida Solar are the companies she has worked for so far.

She graduated from Middle East Technical University and she is an active IEEE volunteer since 2007, started as a student member and today continue with senior membership grade. She has been serving several volunteer membership and leadership positions in different areas including mainly global committees of IEEE Humanitarian Technology Activities (IEEE SIGHT -Special Interest Group on Humanitarian Technology and HAC), IEEE Power& Energy Society (Women in Power, PES Young Professionals, Solar and Wind Committee), IEEE Women in Engineering, IEEE Young Professionals, IEEE Social Implications of Technology Society (SSIT), IEEE Student Activities, IEEE Entrepreneurship Committee and other positions on regional committees of IEEE Region 8 (Europe Middle East and Africa) and IEEE Region 10 (Asia Pacific).

She received also these awards from IEEE:

- IEEE Young Professionals Hall of the Fame Award 2018 (as IEEE PES Young Professionals Committee Industry Liaison)
- IEEE MGA Young Professionals Achievement Award 2017
- IEEE MGA Achievement Award 2014 (as IEEE Day Team Lead)
- IEEE Day Leadership Award 2013

Her most recent roles with IEEE in 2019 are;

- IEEE Humanitarian Activities (HAC) Chair, Assessment Committee
- IEEE MGA Women in Engineering Committee Outreach Subcommittee Chair
- IEEE MGA SAC Committee – TAB Branches Representative
- IEEE MGA Nominations and Appointments Committee Member
- IEEE Power and Energy Society Women in Power Liaison to IEEE MGA WIE Committee
- IEEE Power and Energy Society Young Professionals Committee Industry Liaison
- IEEE Region 8 Strategic Planning Committee Member
- IEEE Society on Social Implications of Technology Women in Engineering Committee