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Mr. Veli Yanıkgönül is the Director of Spectrum Management at Turksat, the national satellite operator of Türkiye. Having a Master's degree in Electronics Engineering, he started his professional career in 2005 as a satellite design expert and contributed to the payload design of first national telecommunication satellite of Türkiye. He also took part in the establishment of National Satellite Assembly Integration and Test Center, which is operational today. He has been working in the spectrum management domain since 2012, in charge of the international frequency coordination for the spectrum and orbital resources utilized by Turksat satellite fleet. In addition to various satellite projects, he also contributed to the establishment of the Turkish National Space Agency. He is representing Türkiye at the ITU as a Vice-Chairman of the ITU-R Study Group 4, which is responsible for satellite services, among other international organizations.