My name is Melek Ergul; I come from Turkey. I graduated from Educational Sciences, Guidance and Counseling Psychology / Faculty of Education in 2000. I had both bachelor and master degree in the same department at Middle East Technical University. I have been working as an English Teacher since 2002.

My first contact with eco topics was in 2012. I was working as the Guidance Teacher of Conscious Consumer Club at a high school. The concept of Energy Efficiency and Ecology was a real discovery for me and a real eyes opener. I discovered it in EU-LLP Programmes. In a training course “It is your responsibility” in Busteni, Romania under YiA- when I came back home I had the head full of ideas and potential develop at our club. Since then, in our organization with my colleagues, we made Energy Efficiency being our strength. We train youth and help them to develop themselves and they find their path.

I try to do the good things for myself, for my family, for the other people and for the World. I care about my work, or something I do outside it, and I do it passionately. I want to make a difference. I vote to create positive change. I recycle to preserve our natural resources. I give back, whether that means volunteering, donating old clothes, or simply helping a stranger in need. I call for help when I see something potentially hazardous. I teach something valuable to someone everyday. I make positive changes in my self- and being the change I want to see is the best way to change the world.

If I do keep going, well, it’s like this quote: “**Shoot for the moon, for even if you miss you’ll land among the stars**”.

I love numbers and the stories they can tell, so I keep track of them, year after year, including the energy consumption in our home. I would like to share my own experience and of course, my numbers. In 2014, we converted from coal to gas heating which gave us new high-efficiency furnace. The bills of our consumption went down by 40 percent. In 2015, we changed the fridge into an energy efficient A+++ one. Our consumption again went down by 50 percent. I can not recall a time when I consciously decided to reduce my domestic energy use- and yet energy saving is something that matters a lot for my sense of identity.