

**Name:**

Merve GÖKSÜNER

**Country:**

Turkey

**Company:**

Keskinoglu Poultry and Breeding Plants A.S.

**Job Title:**

Quality Control and Assurance Manager

**Tell us a bit about you...**

I graduated from Hacettepe University, Department of Food Engineering. I have worked in the chicken meat sector for eight years in terms of quality and food safety. I am currently working as a Quality Control and Assurance Manager at Keskinoglu Poultry and Breeding Plants A.S. in Manisa, Turkey. My main responsibility, together with my team of 60 people, is to develop and maintain systematic control mechanisms to meet food safety and quality requirements in egg sorting and packaging, pasteurized liquid eggs, slaughterhouses and further processing facilities.

**Why did you join the BRCGS Professional Programme?**

I wanted to gain better knowledge of Product Safety Management and also gain international recognition.

**What value do you personally feel the BRCGS Professional certification brings to you?**

It brings advanced Product Safety Management knowledge to me and indirectly to my company.

**How has the training helped improve operations at your site/company?**

Keskinoglu has four different food processing facilities. Two of them have BRCGS certification and the other two have different GFSI approved certificates. This process will ensure that all food processing units are BRCGS certified and will increase their grades at their existing BRCGS certified facilities. As we expand and develop our supply chain, I hope our customers and potential customers will see participation in this program as proof of our commitment to product safety.

**What did you most enjoy about the training?**

The interactive tasks were the best part of the training.

**What are you most looking forward to within the Professional community?**

I look forward to meeting other like-minded Professionals as well as gaining new knowledge and experience.

**How do you plan to keep your skills up to date?**

I will be enrolling on more training, attending conferences and events, e-Learning and webinars.

**What are your career ambitions/aims?**

To continue leading my team to achieve increasingly optimal results. Also, to implement the Professional Programme within the rest of my team. To grow my team through technical training, and to take more responsibility and to achieve many more successes. I try to be the most professional and best Quality Assurance Manager I can be.