

## **Bilal Kurban**

**Short bio:** Bilal Kurban is a seasoned data scientist and AI expert currently leading the Artificial Intelligence and Data Analysis Unit at the Turkish Statistical Institute (TurkStat). With over two decades of experience in statistics and data analytics, Bilal has been at the forefront of modernizing Türkiye's statistical infrastructure. He holds an M.Sc. in Data Science and a B.Sc. in Statistics. Throughout his career, Bilal has led numerous innovative projects including the implementation of big data analytics, machine learning algorithms and the development of AI-powered tools to enhance statistical processes. His expertise spans across data governance, business intelligence and the integration of administrative data into official statistics.