

# TÜRKEI

## Minister of Culture and Tourism

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### Mahir ÜNAL



Married with one child

- Furthered his education in İstanbul after his primary and secondary school education in Elbistan
- 1984 Graduated from İstanbul Bahçelievler Koca Sinan High School
- 1991 Had a bachelor's degree from Marmara University Faculty of Theology
- 1997 Had a master's degree in Social Structure and Social Change Department in İstanbul University and has carried on his Sociology PhD studies in the same university.
- 1992 Started teaching profession.  
After teaching profession, served consultancy service in the fields of urban studies, local administration and political communication
- 2005 Held office in İstanbul Chamber of Commerce as a counselor and was a Member of the Executive Board of İstanbul Metropolitan Municipality Sports Club between 2007-2009
- Served as Head of the Department of Ethology in a private university and gave MBA lectures on organizational behavior in a foundation university.
- 2003 Lectured in Justice and Development Party Political Academy

- Since 2004 Has participated in electoral strategy boards conducting the election campaign of Justice and Development Party in all polls held since 2004
- Involved in election campaign strategy boards as an election strategist in many various countries such as Iraq, Malaysia, Cyprus, Lebanon and Egypt
- Was elected to the membership of Central Decision Executive Committee (CDEC) in Justice and Development Party 3rd Ordinary Congress held in 2009 and was assigned as the Vice Director of Research and Development.
- 2009 Became Political Academy Coordinator of Justice and Development Party
- 2011 Was elected as Member of Parliament for the electoral district of Kahramanmaraş General Elections and appointed as Group Deputy Chairman.
- Served as Member of Parliament for the electoral district of Kahramanmaraş and Group Deputy Chairman of Justice and Development Party in 24th, 25th and 26th Governmental terms
- Was appointed as Minister of Culture and Tourism in 64th Government of Turkey

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