

Sven Köksal

Legal Engineer

Working at the intersection of law, technology and business development, Sven Köksal focuses on Legal Tech and AI implementation, HREDD/ESG compliance, supply-chain grievance mechanisms and cross-border projects.

When law, technology and business processes are designed together, compliance becomes more than an obligation: it becomes a measurable and sustainable business advantage.

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Expertise

Legal Tech and Legal Operations
AI Strategy, Governance and Implementation
HREDD, ESG and Supply-Chain Compliance
Grievance and Whistleblowing Mechanisms
Data Protection and Cybersecurity
Cross-Border Business Development and M&A
Digital Transformation and Process Automation
Venture and Product Development

Biography

Sven Köksal works in legal engineering, Legal Tech, legal operations and business development at Köksal Attorney Partnership and Köksal Consulting. He combines legal requirements with software architecture, data structures, automation and artificial intelligence to build practical systems for legal teams and companies.

A significant part of his work concerns human-rights and environmental due diligence, ESG, supply-chain risk management, and grievance and whistleblowing mechanisms. He develops policies, processes, training and technology solutions in the context of LkSG, CSDDD, CSRD/ESRS, EUDR, data protection and the EU AI Act. He founded WhiteBox as a digital grievance redress management system for supply chains and has led its legal design, software and database architecture, development team and go-to-market work.

As Administrative Director of Köksal Akademi, he develops HREDD and supply-chain due-diligence curricula and implemented a SCORM-compliant learning management system with a corporate compliance-tracking module. He manages Responsible Business Forum Türkiye on behalf of Köksal Attorney Partnership. Through Enroot Ventures, he builds technology ventures in Legal Tech, AI, digital transformation and regulated markets.

Köksal completed his LL.B. at Humboldt University of Berlin with a focus on Law and Digital Transformation. In projects spanning Türkiye, Germany and Europe, he brings together legal analysis, technology, product development and commercial strategy. He works in Turkish, German and English.

Education

LL.B., Law

Humboldt University of Berlin · Focus on Law and Digital Transformation; data and information law, network contracts and liability, German and EU competition law, Legal Tech, CISG and arbitration, and IT for lawyers.

Law — Interim Examination (Zwischenprüfung)

University of Passau · Before completion of the LL.B.

2015

International Baccalaureate

Schule Schloss Salem, Germany.

2013

International General Certificate of Secondary Education

British International School Istanbul.

Qualifications

Profession

Legal Engineer

Translating legal requirements into data, software, automation and AI systems.

Law

LL.B.

Humboldt University of Berlin; Law and Digital Transformation.

HREDD / ESG

Supply-Chain Compliance

LKSG · CSDDD · CSRD/ESRS · EUDR · UNGP

Artificial Intelligence

Strategy, Governance and Implementation

LLM/GPT · RAG · Custom GPTs · Prompt Engineering · EU AI Act

Technology

Product and Systems Development

No-/low-code · Python · JavaScript · PHP · SQL · APIs · Cloud

Languages

Turkish · German · English

Native / bilingual proficiency.

Sailing

Sailing and pleasure-craft competence

Optimist and Laser Yawl qualifications; Turkish certificate of competence for pleasure craft up to 24 metres.

Certifications and Professional Development

2025

Mastering Generative AI for Software Development

IBM

2025

Mastering Generative AI for Cybersecurity

IBM

2025

Airtable Builder Certification

Airtable

2025

Master's Pathway in Foundations of Sustainable Development
SDG Academy & University Dublin

2025

Planetary Boundaries
SDG Academy

2024

Measuring Sustainable Development
SDG Academy

2024

English for International Negotiations
Humboldt University Berlin

2024

English for Law
Humboldt University Berlin

2022

Terrorism and Counterterrorism
Georgetown University

2021

Macroeconomic Management in Resource-Rich Countries
International Monetary Fund

2012

Shodan-Ho (Black Belt)
Ai Ki Do

Focus Areas

Legal Tech and Legal Operations

Redesigning legal knowledge, documents and workflows through technology.

AI Strategy and Governance

Use-case, data, risk, governance and implementation design.

HREDD, ESG and Supply Chains

Compliance systems in the context of LkSG, CSDDD, CSRD/ESRS and EUDR.

Grievance and Whistleblowing Mechanisms

Accessible reporting, case management, remediation and measurement processes.

Data, Automation and Cybersecurity

Data architecture, integration, automation, KVKK/GDPR and information security.

Cross-Border Business and Ventures

Business development, M&A, FDI and venture building across Türkiye and Germany.

Selected Work

Legal Tech

AI

From strategy to implementation

AI and automation for legal teams

Design and implementation of AI, document automation and collaboration solutions based on organisation-specific knowledge, data and workflows.

Product

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Developers engaged

WhiteBox

Built the legal, product and technical architecture of a UNGP-, LkSG-, CSDDD- and GDPR-oriented digital grievance redress management system for supply chains.

HREDD

7

City capacity-building programme

Responsible Business Forum Türkiye and capacity building

Project management of a forum bringing together business, chambers and civil-society stakeholders; training on risk management, whistleblowing and grievance mechanisms across seven cities.

Learning Technology

SCORM

Compliance-tracking module

Köksal Akademi digital learning system

Developed an open-source SCORM-compliant LMS, a corporate compliance-tracking module and HREDD/SCDD curricula.

Cross-Border

TR · DE · EU

Legal and commercial strategy

Investment, M&A and international contracts

Due diligence, transaction and project management, and research and drafting for international trade, investment and digital-service agreements.

Practices

Supply Chain Due Diligence · ESG Compliance · Personal Data Protection · Commercial Law · Law of Obligations & Contracts · Mergers & Acquisitions (M&A) · Foreign Direct Investment · Intellectual Property Law

Services

AI Compliance & Governance · AI-Assisted Legal Services · Legal Tech Training & Adoption · LkSG / CSDDD Compliance Programme · Grievance Mechanism & Whistleblowing · CSRD & Sustainability Reporting · KVKK / GDPR Compliance Programme · Process Automation · Contract Digitalisation · Data & Document Management · Startup Advisory · Due Diligence

Related Focus Areas

Legal Tech · Artificial Intelligence · ESG & Sustainability · Data · Cybersecurity · Mergers and Acquisitions (M&A) · Expansion into Germany · Expansion into Türkiye

Focus Sectors

Technology · E-Commerce · Education · Chambers of Commerce · Associations & Foundations · Export & Import · Banking & Finance · Textiles

Desks

Legal Tech Desk · Data & Cybersecurity Desk · ESG & Supply Chain Desk · Germany Desk · Türkiye Desk · Global Desk

Publications

2025

400 Soruda Tedarik Zincirlerinde Sürdürülebilirlik Özen Yükümlülüğü
Practical Sustainability book series · Co-authored with Prof. Dr. iur. Mehmet Köksal
Book

2025

Sürdürülebilirlik Özen Yükümlülüğü Temel Kavramlar Sözlüğü
Practical Sustainability book series · Co-authored with Prof. Dr. iur. Mehmet Köksal
Book

2023–

Law + Tech / Lens / Lens Prismatic
LinkedIn newsletter on technology, legal services, business operations and governance · Since April 2023; source snapshots record 9–14 editions and 514–615+ subscribers
Newsletter

2025–

ESG Türkiye
LinkedIn newsletter on ESG and sustainability in Türkiye · Since June 2025; a source snapshot records 2 editions and 575+ subscribers
Newsletter

Teaching and Training

Curriculum

HREDD / SCDD
Curriculum development for human-rights and environmental due diligence and supply-chain compliance.

Training

Risk, whistleblowing and grievance mechanisms
Practical training for companies and professional bodies, including a seven-city capacity-building programme.

Digital Learning

SCORM-compliant LMS and compliance tracking
Learning management, corporate tracking and content infrastructure for Köksal Akademi.

Speaking and Events

29.11.2022

Oil and gas supply chains to Europe: implications for the Middle East
Meenas Business Consultancy
Webinar

28.09.2023

Grievance and whistleblowing mechanisms
WIRAS Verbundsitzung · Málaga
Talk

28.11.2024

Supply Chain Due Diligence Act and grievance mechanisms
Türkischer Unternehmer:innentisch · Bürgschaftsbank Berlin · EKSTRATEGY · TD-IHK
Talk

17.01.2025

Stakeholder engagement and grievance mechanisms
Responsible Business Forum Türkiye
Training

04.2025

Supply-chain due diligence: risk management, whistleblowing and grievance mechanisms
TD-IHK, Köksal Attorney Partnership, Köksal Akademi and local chambers across seven cities
Capacity-Building Roadshow

06.11.2025

Safe and compliant use of AI for SMEs
6th İzmir SME Conference · TMMOB and Informatics Association of Türkiye
Talk

Memberships and Professional Affiliations

World Technology Congress

Professional affiliation; Vice President Corporate Affairs from January to May 2026.

Berlin Capital Club
Member.

Responsible Business Forum Türkiye
Project Manager since January 2025.

Enroot Ventures
CEO and founder since January 2025.

WhiteBox
Founder and General Manager since August 2022.

Köksal Akademi
Administrative Director since October 2023.

Professional Timeline

2015 · 2017

Boston Europe GmbH
Business Development Director at board level; Munich and Istanbul.

2016

Köksal Attorney Partnership and Köksal Consulting
Business development, consulting and legal project management since 2016; Legal Engineer and Legal Tech leadership since 2022.

09.2018 · 10.2018

Eversheds Sutherland
University internship in the Munich M&A and Corporate department; presentation on the German Legal Tech landscape.

11.2018 · 08.2023

MBX | Blockchain Mercantile Company
Founder and General Manager; blockchain, smart contracts, digital warehouse receipts and international-trade technology.

05.2021 · 06.2022

German Orient-Institute (DOI) and NUMOV
Online public relations, IT and event management; development of the DOI and ORIENT publishing platforms.

08.2022

WhiteBox

Founder and General Manager.

10.2023

Köksal Akademi

Administrative Director.

2024

Humboldt University LL.B.

Focus on Law and Digital Transformation.

01.2025

Enroot Ventures

CEO and founder.

01.2025

Responsible Business Forum Türkiye

Project Manager.

01.2026 · 05.2026

World Technology Congress

Vice President Corporate Affairs.
