

## Invitation to eTwinning Group Digitally Empowered Teachers



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**Digitally Empowered Teachers** is an eTwinning group dedicated to the community of the participants of the **Digitalisation LTA** (Long-Term Activity) for school education. This online group represents a dynamic community of educators united by a shared passion for unlocking the power of technology to enrich their teaching practices. Its primary purpose is to facilitate knowledge exchange, networking, and capacity building for **Erasmus+ KA2 applicants, project owners**, and other *members* in the topic of *digital transformation in school education*.

**Digitalisation LTA**, coordinated by the Tempus Public Foundation, Hungary, and run with partner countries, such as the Czech Republic, Estonia, Germany, Ireland, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Slovakia, is an international initiative that brings together Erasmus+ project owners from nearly 20+ countries.

Objectives and main goals of the eTwinning group, Digitally Empowered Teachers are:

- to enhance participants' digitalisation skills;
- to enable participants to effectively utilise digital tools and technologies within the context of Erasmus+ projects;
- to network and collaborate with like-minded colleagues;
- to share best practices, experiences and innovative approaches to digitalisation in the context of the Erasmus+ programme;
- to participate in expert **webinars** publicly available as well as **TCA events** (Training and Cooperation Activities) organised exclusively for project owners;
- to foster collaboration, inspire new ideas, and contribute to the continuous improvement of digital practices in Erasmus+ projects.

**The eTwinning group, Digitally Empowered Teachers** is open to anyone who is interested in the topic of *digital transformation in school education*. All event participants as well as applicants who applied (even if they were finally not approved) or participated in TCA activities organised within this LTA are welcome to join the group.

### How to Join:

To join the group, register on the ESEP platform <https://school-education.ec.europa.eu/en> and follow the link to the group:

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We are delighted to announce three webinars that we organise for the members of the Digitally Empowered Teachers group. The webinars will be hosted by experts in the field of AI, digital inclusion and the use of technology in education. These sessions will delve into key aspects of digital transformation in school education, providing valuable insights, best practices, and innovative approaches.

## Webinars by Experts

### Webinar 1 Topic: Artificial Intelligence

January 30, 2024, 17:00 CET

#### **Title: Are we running to or away from AI?**

Short Summary: It seems that AI is all around us, very powerful and magical. Is it truth? What is the actual state of AI in education and what could/should we do about it?

#### **Expert: Lidija Kralj**

**Lidija Kralj** is an international analyst and expert in data and AI in education, she is a member of the European Commission's working groups on Artificial intelligence and data in education and training, digital education, and safer internet; the UNESCO and Council of Europe expert groups on AI and education, and author of digital learning resources and textbooks, as well as an advisor and teacher trainer. She had been working at the Ministry of Science and Education in Croatia, where she led reforms in the area of digital education, learning analytics, data-based decisions in education and comprehensive curricula reform. Lidija is eLearning and project manager, and a lecturer in Mathematics and Computer Science with 30 years of experience, currently works as a senior analyst at European Schoolnet.

### Webinar 2 Topic: Digital inclusion

March 19, 2024, 17:00 CET

#### **Title: Empowering your classroom with digitally inclusive tools and personalising your students' learning**

Short summary: This webinar will not only tap into a variety of user-friendly digital tools that are designed to enhance classroom engagement of both SEN and mainstream students, but it will also give some ideas of personalised learning and collaboration of all the stakeholders.

#### **Expert: Marijana Smolcec**

**Marijana Smolcec** is an EFL teacher, eTwinning ambassador and teacher advisor with more than 20 years of experience in working with teenagers. She is currently teaching L2/L3 English at European School Brussels, Belgium. Since 2015, she has been running an eTwinning featured group titled Inclusive Education, and since then, has also developed several online courses on the use of technology in the classroom. She likes exchanging experiences with teachers worldwide and is very passionate about teaching teens and #EdTech.

### Webinar 3 Topic: Pedagogical use of digital technologies

May 16, 2024, 17:00 CET

#### **Title: Project Based Learning upgraded**

Short Summary: How can we use the right digital tools to support PBL on a pedagogical basis? During the webinar, we will look at some of the most helpful tools both students and teachers can use during project work and thematic weeks, with an insight into the evaluation process. What tools are indispensable from our digital toolcase? How can AI support the teaching and learning process? Join me to find out and have a look into some good practices of PBL.

#### **EXPERT: Eva Toth**

**Eva Toth** is a teacher of English and ICT project work in vocational education, eTwinning ambassador of Budapest, and the editor-in-chief of the Hungarian educational website for teachers, called Modern Iskola (Modern School). During her work, she involves project-based learning in the everyday routine with organising programmes such as eTwinning projects, Codeweek or the Digital Thematic Week, all for the development of 21st century skills. All her efforts aim at bridging the gap between the world of work and school.