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**Ivana**



**SHORT INFO**

Teacher of  
Biology and Chemistry  
56 years old  
Slovenia

**DESCRIPTION**

Ivana is 56 and has been teaching Biology and Chemistry in a Slovenian high school for her entire career. She is very fond of technology in general and especially technological innovations in the field of education. She believes that good IT skills should be a prerequisite for recruiting teachers, and enhancing their skills continuously keeping updated with technological advancements in the digital area, is essential for 21st century education.

Around 10 years ago, when her children moved out from home to pursue higher education she was left with more free time than earlier. Together with some teachers of her age, Ivana created a teacher's team for projects integrating at least two STEM subjects.

Since then, their school has been participating in national and international competitions winning important prizes and building itself a reputation. Some of the projects have brought up such successful innovations that have ended in collaborations with prestigious companies and patents.

Almost all the project work is carried out in Ivana's free time and financed with alternative means. Ivana considers this a hobby but regrets the lack of time of her colleagues who are interested in project work and educational technology but don't have any time or resources available.

