

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Maria Amzina. I have been working in education sphere for 27 years. I created a network of training centers here, in Bulgaria, which train students for enrolling in universities, and some of these are the following: childcare centers, foreign language centers, “soft skills” training as well as training how to prepare effective presentation and to present it in public. When it comes to my experience, it is mainly in creating of methodologies, motivating children how to learn and managing.

I opened a Private High School during 2007, while during 2010, Private Primary School “Educational Technologies” was brought into existence.

Together with a team of inspired teachers of COU “Educational Technologies”, we feel eager enough to accept the challenge and to apply for Your project “A Global Challenge To Make Education Better”.

We are inspired to be the part of this project since the vision of the same project fully coincides with our views on education.

What comes **in the first place** is the fact that every child has potential and teachers are responsible for the potential to be developed. We accept the idea that an individual is successful if he develops both his strengths and talents. We believe that if one child realizes his strengths and we create the environment for him to develop his talents, exactly that will be the most important key to success as well as the purpose of existence of our school. Moreover, we rely on the facts summarized in the book “Discover your strengths” written by Markas Buckingham and Dr. Donald O. Clifton.

Developing of strengths is part of the holistic approach, which is being described in our presentation. Participation in this project will allow us the share the experience we have in relation to motivating the students to broaden their knowledge with the help of a teacher mentor. Additionally, we will be enriched by the exchange of experience that others schools and teams have.

We have a strong desire to adopt high educational systems from all over the world that have already realized the approach related to both individualized teaching and learning.

Secondly, our desire to participate in the project is to share the experience concerning the subject how to represent our lessons using our own online platform, where students can use information from interactive library, watch various videos, learn their lessons and solve a variety of tests. The same platform consists of copyright products – animated and voiced. We also feel eager to accept the experience of other schools in this area, particularly the creation of the platform which is used by students in order to share their ideas when working on a project.

One of our teachers attends a training School in the Cloud, using SOLE program and we are so impressed by the feedback he gives us. We need knowledge and experience in order to put the same method into practice.

Ten of our teacher are certified as suggestopedics.

By participating in the project we would like to exchange experience concerning learning through practice. We have some experience in implementing of internal object relations amongst geography and history at delivering training in natural and historical phenomena, where students conduct their research, work in teams and create a presentation in order to present their analyses of the research.

We also organize training of each discipline in specialized rooms, where a large part of the training is practically oriented. While the training is running, we create an educational environment where we teach through various sources of information and students are shown the way to search, understand and elaborate information in order to remember and apply it in dissimilar situations. What is more, we use methods for color separation of keywords, which are our authorship and we believe we could present it to other schools in order to assist them.

In such a way, we achieve balance amongst state educational standards, we satisfy parents in relation to students' high accomplishments and we keep students' interest to discover new things, to develop functional literacy when it comes to their native language, foreign language, mathematics and digital literacy.

We are partners and experimental base of the first child research center in Bulgaria, Muzeiko. Participation in preliminary, experimental events, inspires us to create innovative programs for our school, concerning all subjects.

We could also exchange experiences when it comes to our information system, which consists of database of our students, teachers and parents. Using the information system, parents are daily informed about their children achievements and teachers share and exchange their experiences on both curricula and lesson plans.

We are also eager to present our program for personal development of students, which is created with the aim to form positive habits, high level of emotional intelligence, team work and social skills.

In conclusion, we believe that our participation in this project would be a huge benefit for our students, for us – teachers, who have a desire to share experience in relation to the growth of our students as well as our excellence and professional development.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Maria Amzina, founder of the school “Educational Technologies”