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 **Invitation for application**

 **Online Community of English Language Teachers**

The Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, in cooperation with the British Council, launches in Kosova the program for the professional development of English language teachers **Future English** **Online Teacher Community Programme**, and invites all pre-university public school English language teachers to apply to be part of this program.

This program will take place on the Online Platform dedicated to English Language Teachers, which provides a forum where teachers can engage in new ideas and relevant discussions, share knowledge and experience, reflect on their practices and participate in self-taught learning. Within the platform, teachers can develop an e-portfolio and self-reflective journal to support and document their professional development, also can be engaged in interactions and discussions with teachers from other countries through various groups.

**What teachers can benefit from the Online Teacher Community Programme**

Teachers can interact at different levels:

• get to know teachers within their country group through forum discussions;

• interact on the platform with teachers from other countries from the region and beyond, through live webinars;

• participate in groups of special interest, where teachers can join based on their areas of interest, experience and specific classroom context.

***After registering on the platform, teachers can engage in the following activities:***

• Self-accessible online "Teaching for Success" modules

• Moderated forum discussions (topics for forum discussions are selected to meet the needs of teachers and are part of a set program of key topics and issues);

• Webinars held by ELT experts (British Council trainers, foreign guest speakers from the UK, guest speakers from the country etc.);

• Development of self-reflective journals and personal e-portfolios;

**Additional clarifications**

Teachers selected for this program will have access to the platform until the end of March 2023.

Before becoming part of this program, an informative session will be organized online for teachers to provide participants with all relevant information and to ensure that they have the necessary instructions to maximize their engagement within the **Online Teacher Community.**

The informative session aims to - clearly present the benefits of using this platform with a self-taught approach, engaging in discussions with their peers to share ideas, challenges and advice, reflecting on their practice and learning in an online environment from international ELT experts on how to make teaching practice more engaging, effective, learner-centered and more oriented towards results.

Teachers will be able to determine the pace of their participation in the program and platform (self-access modules, forum discussions, etc.), but will be asked to join live webinars once a month.

***By participating in this program, teachers can benefit from the following certificates:***

- Regional certificate for participation in the webinar.

- Certificates of self-accessible module completion (70% of passing rate is required at program completion).

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

***To qualify for the program, teachers must meet specific criteria:***

• to be English language teachers in the pre-university public education system in the Republic of Kosova in all communities;

• to have basic IT skills (be familiar with using their personal email address, using MS Word, accessing online platforms, etc.);

• to have at least B1 level of English;

• be able to commit to 6 hours of professional development per month and have access to a desktop computer.

In addition to the above criteria, teachers will be selected according to the "first come, first served" principle”.

**In the Online Teacher Community, only English language teachers selected by the Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation of the Republic of Kosova will be able to register, who will be able to create an account and be engaged in activities of their country group as well as in the activities of the wider platform.**

**APPLICATION FORM**

The application is made through the e-Kosova online platform at the link given on the MESTI website.

**Necessary documents that must be uploaded to the e-Kosova platform:**

* Evidence that you are part of the public education system in Kosova (from the school directorate or MED);
* A short biography (CV);

**The application deadline is October 14th, 2022, at 4:00 p.m**