

## Invitation to the GEM Network Kick-Off Meeting

The project GEM Consortium would like to kindly invite all interested parties to participate in the GEM Network Kick-Off meeting, taking place

**November 11, 2 – 5:30 p.m. (UTC/GMT+1)**

virtually: <https://zoom.us/j/98338946823?pwd=QmJFT2FTU0JORTcwOWhUbWNhREJUUT09>

As a member of the Europe-wide network you will on the one hand be sensitised to gender-equitable STEM education, receive information on relevant gender topics (deficits in STEM/digital education, drop-out rates of girls, roles and barriers of girls, serious upcoming lack of digital skills, loss of innovation capacity for Europe etc.). On the other hand, you will help shaping the network with your contributions and become active yourself: share your experiences, best practices and knowledge, information on equal opportunities for girls in STEM/ICT, implement a variety of awareness-raising activities in society.

On November 11 we would like to inform you about the GEM project and the role of the GEM Network, as well as offer you to take a closer look on best practices in creating good learning environments at the example of Slovakia. You will have a chance to discuss interesting questions arising from the speaker's presentations. Together with stakeholders from around Europe you will have a chance to think about other actions and activities that can inspire and support girls on their journey towards STEM and ICT professions.

Please find a detailed agenda and information on meeting speakers below.

With kind regards,

**Dita Kreuz** (GEM project manager)

**Sona Ceretkova** (GEM Network coordinator)



## Kick-Off Meeting.

### Sharing best practices and personal stories.

**2 – 2:30 p.m.** Mrs. **Dita Kreuz** (project GEM manager) and Mrs. **Sona Ceretkova**: Welcome and GEM project introduction, National GEM Team background: example Slovakia

**2:30 – 3 p.m.** Mrs. **Ľubica Rozborova**, RISOTO (Respectful Inclusion, Social Opportunity, Tolerance; NGO), Bratislava

*Mrs. Rozborova is CEO of RISOTO, which conducts audits, consults, designs processes, and trains employees and management to help the company get on the path to building a truly inclusive organization. The RISOTO also design and manage externally funded projects delivering social value. The primary areas of expertise include Human Rights, Gender Equality, Arts and Culture, Green Innovations, Education, and Social Entrepreneurship.*

Discussion in groups on gender equality.

**3:15 – 4:15 p.m.** Mrs. **Zuzana Staňáková**, Slovak Centre of Scientific and Technical Information (CVTI SR), Bratislava

*Mrs. Staňáková works in the CVTI SR in the department of international projects and currently also in the position of a contact person for gender equality. CVTI SR is currently working on creating a system of support for research institutions and universities with the integration of Gender Equality into research and innovation.*

and **prof. Dr. Ing. Jana Žiarovská, PhD.**, Slovak Agricultural University (SPU) in Nitra.

*Professor Žiarovská will share her personal story as successful woman in science and research in genetics and molecular biology and her carrier as the university professor.*

Discussion in groups on questions dealing with the institutional strategies towards to gender equality and female scientists support.

**4:30 – 5:00 p.m.** Mrs. **Petra Kotuliaková**, NGO “Aj Ty v IT” (You in IT), Bratislava

*Mrs. Kotuliaková is CEO of Aj Ty v IT, the civic association “Aj Ty v IT” was established in 2012. At a time when the number of girls at IT faculties of universities fluctuated for a long time between 3% - 5% of the total number of students of these university programs in Slovakia. The NGO activities are focused to motivation, education and building the community of woman in IT sector. “So that the IT sector doesn't come either about one clever woman.”*

Discussion in groups on women and girls in IT sector.

**5:00 – 5:30 p.m.** Summary of discussions, further questions, outlook.

