

Talent Point in Action and Invitation to Collaborate: Primary school „Petar Zoranić“ Nin - project announcement

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Primary school „Petar Zoranić“ Nin, European Talent Point from Croatia is the founder of the eTwinning project [School psychologists – sharing resources, ideas and knowledge](#). With this project we want school psychologists to have opportunity to share resources, ideas and knowledge in their field of work in school.

Also, they will learn about using ICT and have experience in team work online. From June 2020. to May 2021. we plan events once a month with school psychologists, members of the project (sharing examples of good practice) and videoconferences with students from schools involved in project. In May 2021. we plan final conference on site and online.

We plan to deal with a significant part of the project to gifted students and ways to support students and teachers because in the introductory evaluations this was requested by the project participants.



[Primary school "Petar Zoranić" Nin](#) is a school that is involved in a large number of projects. All projects we are involved in are related to students with special needs (we have a large number of students with double special needs) and the empowerment of teachers to apply new methods of learning and teaching and the development of their professional competencies. The experiences our students gained by getting involved in the projects also empowered them and contributed to their personal and professional development.

The school strives for the appropriate use of ICT in working with students with special needs and collaborative work with colleagues from schools, creating a support network through ETSN. We strive to look for new ways to use ICT in education in order to encourage and motivate all students, especially the gifted, by creating more dynamic teaching with a greater degree of involvement, by integrating examples of good practice into their work and environment.

In the primary school "Petar Zoranić" Nin, as part of the support program for gifted students, extracurricular activities of the Creative Psychological Workshop have been carried out for a long time, part of which also takes place on the Loomen platform as an e-course. Evaluations of students, teachers and parents have shown that there is a need for more frequent work. Therefore, a virtual classroom is open to all gifted students, in addition to the existing extracurricular activity. In this way, the psychologist was available to gifted students in a different way, and they were able to get to know each other virtually and collaborate on common tasks and projects. All involved students regularly visited the virtual classroom and solved the set tasks, gave suggestions for new projects and ways of cooperation. After finishing primary school, many students remained involved in the virtual

classroom (the AAI @ EduHr system allows them to do so) and, at their suggestion, launched a mentoring program to support younger members.

All of this helped us in a pandemic situation: teachers who were part of the project team helped those who were less skilled in the use of ICT. That way we were able to take proper care of our students.

We are now interested in eTwinning as a place of safe learning and socializing for gifted students. We invite all schools that are part of ETSN and have school psychologists to join us in sharing experiences of good practice in working with gifted students