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Irena Podlaskova is the ESP senior lecturer at the Language Centre of the University of Pardubice, Czech Republic.

She graduated in German – Physical Education from the Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic in 1992. Since then she has been working in the field of language teaching and translating/interpreting.

Irena Podlaskova teaches English in ESP courses for economics and IT students at the University of Pardubice. She is also responsible for one of the key activities in the EU-funded UNICOM project of the Language Centre (Innovative and Integrated Concept of Language Training towards Quality Assurance, Excellence and Internationalization) which focuses on professional development. She organizes and supervises seminars for academic and administrative staff of the university focusing mainly on languages, soft skills and intercultural communication.

Irena Podlaskova has been also involved in preparation of online courses and tests in Moodle for the students of the University of Pardubice and the oral assessment of Erasmus students.

She is interested in e-tools and ICT for language learning and wholeheartedly supports the learner-centered approach in language teaching.