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Irina was born in Saint-Petersburg and graduated from Economics Department of St. Petersburg State University in 1996, specializing in mathematical modelling in economics.

In 1999 she obtained ACCA certification and Russian auditing license certificate

In 2003 she received MBA from Harvard Business School, Boston

After joining SKOLKOVO in 2020, Irina is in charge of business development, research and educational activities of the Energy Center and leads research on "Decarbonisation in oil and gas industry", "Modelling of climate and climate policy impacts on social-economic development on regional and national level"

Prior to SKOLKOVO, for over 15 years Irina worked in strategy consulting in oil and gas, leading energy practice of The Boston Consulting Group and PwC Strategy& in Russia. Irina focused on strategy, innovations and corporate venture funds, operational efficiency, organizational and digital transformation and worked with CEO level counterparts in largest Russian and international oil and gas companies. Moreover, Irina was actively involved in research agenda of BCG and was in charge of recruitment for Moscow office

Prior to Harvard MBA, Irina progressed from junior auditor to project manager in PricewaterhouseCoopers and United Technologies Corporation, working with industrial companies in over 15 countries.

From 2020 to 2022, she was the head of the SKOLKOVO Energy Centre. She is a member of the Eurasian Women's Forum under the aegis of the RF Federation Council. Since 2020, she has been the Chairman of the Management Board of Women in Energy Industry Association.

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