

Council Meeting Berlin

20 – 21 March 2026

Attendees List

	Name	Organisation
1	Andreas Hadjar	EERA Treasurer
2	Angelika Wegscheider	EERA Office
3	Blerim Saqipi	Prishtina University
4	Carmen Carmona	Asociación Interuniversitaria de Investigación Pedagógica (AIDIPE)
5	Celine Healy	Educational Studies Association of Ireland (ESAI)
6	Christoph Schindler	Workshop - Open Access Strategies for Publishing Educational Research
7	Daniela Preis	EERA Office
8	Dragica Pavlović Babic	Educational Research Association of Serbia (DIOS)
9	Egle Pranckūnienė	Lithuanian Academic Educational Association (LERA)
10	Erich Svecnik	Österreichische Gesellschaft für Forschung und Entwicklung im Bildungswesen (OEFEB)
11	Fabio Dovigo	EERA Networks' Representative on Council
12	Gábor Erdei	Hungarian Educational Research Association (HERA)
13	Heli Ruokamo	Finnish Educational Research Association (FERA)
14	Huseyin Uzunboyulu	Cyprus Educational Sciences Association (KEB-DER)
15	Ineke M. Pit-ten Cate	Luxembourg Educational Research Association (LuxERA)
16	Jana Poláchová Vašátková	Česká asociace pedagogického výzkumu (ČAPV)
17	Javid Jafarov	Azerbaijani Educational Research Association - AzERA (Candidate Member)
18	Karmen Trasberg	Estonian Academic Research Association (EAPS)
19	Kirsten Sivesind	European Educational Research Journal (EERJ)
20	Klaus Rummeler	Workshop - Open Access Strategies for Publishing Educational Research
21	Lisa Bugno	Emerging Researchers' Group
22	Luca Agostinetti	Società Italiana di Pedagogia (SIPED)
23	Lucian Ion Ciolan	EERA Secretary General
24	Ludmyla Zahoruiko	Ukrainian Educational Research Association (UERA)
25	Marco Rieckmann	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Erziehungswissenschaft (DGfE)
26	Maria Pacheco Figueiredo	Sociedade Portuguesa de Ciências da Educação (SPCE)
27	Marit Honerød Hoveid	EERA President
28	Marta Licardo	The Slovenian Educational Research Association (SLODRE)
29	Michael Dal	Nordic Educational Research Association (NERA)
30	Nelli Piattoeva	LOC 2026
31	Pierre Tulowitzky	Swiss Society for Research in Education (SSRE)
32	Renate Wesselink	Vereniging voor Onderwijs Research (VOR)
33	Revaz Tabatadze	Georgian Association for Interdisciplinary Research in Education (GAIRE, candidate)
34	Richelme Da Silva Costa	EERA Office
35	Sébastien Akira Alix	Association des Enseignants et Chercheurs en Sciences de l'Education (AECSE)
36	Tina Gudushauri	Georgian Association for Interdisciplinary Research in Education (GAIRE, candidate)
37	Yasar Kondakci	Educational Administration Research and Development Association (EARDA)

1. Apologies and Welcome of New Members

After an introduction round Marit Hoveid welcomed new members and pointed to the list of apologies accessible in the shared folder.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

Council confirmed the minutes of the January online-meeting.

3. Results and Budget

3.1 Exculpation Treasurer 2024

Andreas Hadjar reported that the annual financial statements of EERA e.V. as of 31 December 2024, as audited by RSM Ebner Stolz, are approved.

The net loss of EUR 266.648,68 will be withdrawn from the reserves for capital tied up in fixed assets EUR 40,00 and from the reserve for registered activities of the Association EUR 266.608,68.

For the prior year the annual financial statements of EERA e.V. as of 31 December 2023, as audited by RSM Ebner Stolz, are approved as well.

The net profit of EUR 160.661,09 was added to operating EUR 142.701,09 and free reserves EUR 18.000,00, and an amount EUR 40,00 was withdrawn from the reserves for capital tied up in fixed assets.

3.2 Expected Results 2025

The treasurer also showed the preliminary numbers for 2025 with, again, a loss, which is however much lower than in 2024, therefore he suggested that all projects are continued as planned in 2026.

Budget checkers who will look more closely into Andreas' reports before the next Council Meeting: Lisa Bugno, Erich Svecnik, Jana Polachova Vastatkova.

4. ECERs

ECER 2026

4.1.1 Report from Office

Angelika Wegscheider reported on the sharply risen submission number and its implications for the conference preparations. LOC not only needed to reconsider initial plannings for social events, location of coffee breaks and publishers' exhibitions, they also needed to rent additional meeting rooms in adjacent hotels and an extra hall for the poster exhibition.

Especially the big number of poster posed challenges as they could not be displayed in the foyers of the venue. Room planning will be a challenge, as again more than desirable number of buildings need to be used, even if walking distances are short.

Link convenors have been warned that the number of rooms is lower than desired and that they probably will need to plan 4 papers per session more regularly than in other years.

Final room needs can only be assessed after reviewing has come to an end.

4.1.2 Update from LOC 2026

Nelli Piattoeva informed the Council of the changes resulting from the high number of participants expected for ECER 2026. These include a change of location for the social event on Tuesday, which will now take place at Tampere Hall, and a change to the poster exhibition, which will now only take place on Wednesday, also at Tampere Hall. As the University does not

have enough rooms for the number of sessions needed in parallel for 4000 submissions, additional rooms in nearby hotels were reserved. Nevertheless, all session rooms are in a radius of max five minutes' walk from the University's Main Building. Until now 100 volunteers have signed up. The FERA Conference takes place on Monday and Tuesday of the ECER week, but the local organisers are nevertheless prepared to mentor sessions at ERC. The local organisers wanted to give the people of Tampere an insight into what happens at ECER, so they are organising a Citizens' Conference in May. This will feature presentations and workshops relating to the ECER theme that are relevant to non-researchers.

4.1.3 EERA Session Committee

Maria Pachego Figueiredo and Nelli Piattoeva volunteered as reviewers for the EERA Session proposals. Marit Hoveid and Lucian Ciolan are ex officio members.

4.1.4 Report on ECER Submission Development

Richelme Costa presented results from his in-depth analysis of ECER / ERC submissions from 2019 (pre-covid) and 2023 – 2026. He showed how and in which aspects ECER and ERC growing, pointed at the different ways Emerging Researchers participate in the events and also showed from which regions submission number grow specifically. He also raised the fact that while the number of submissions is growing, so is the number and proportion of withdrawn submissions, which makes estimation of participants and planning of room needs more complicated. If the quota of rejections and withdrawals remains as in the last two years, ECER 2026 should expect 3800 participants. But it is yet to see if the numbers of last years can serve as a valid model to predict withdrawals.

The full report was shared with Council. It will be updated with 2026 review results and presented to networks in the network seminar.

Council Members congratulated Richelme for his report. The numbers give a good insight in developments and point to reasons for growth and resulting challenges. One idea was if new formats could help reduce the number of parallel sessions. Seeing the growing number of PhD students in ECER, the idea was raised that ECER could be used as space to address early career researchers as possible contributors and members to the country's associations.

4.2 ECER 2027

4.2.1 Update from LOC 2027

The contract is with the university's administration and shortly before being signed. At the main campus, many rooms are available, so that the number can even be increased, should the numbers be comparable to this year.

4.2.2 Result from Scientific Committee Work. Keynote Proposal ECER 2026

Council endorsed the selection of keynote speakers as presented by the scientific committee. They will be invited shortly after the meeting.

4.3 ECER 2028 Salamanca

A conference company has been contacted; the LOC of 2028 is currently gaining experience with a large conference on the ECER venue to be held in 2026.

4.4 ECER 2029 Paris

Sébastien Akira-Alix presented the venue, the Univeristé Paris-Est Créteil as well as the town of Créteil. There are some hotels in the proximity of the venue, but it is also possible to book a hotel along the métro line 8, which connects the city centre with Créteil, e.g. with only 25 minutes from Bastille to the venue.

4.5 ECER Ethical Conference Guidelines/Psychological Safety

Fabio Doviga introduced the topic and said with growing number and diversity of participants plus a general growing awareness, it was time for ECER to develop a more explicit stance on inclusion and diversity. He also addressed a couple of incidences, mostly outside but also inside ECER which illustrated situations where participants felt uneasy or mistreated, both in academic and everyday situations, in the conference / in the hosting city.

Council generally welcomed the proposed Guidelines. In their feedback, refining of the wording was suggested, as well as a new title *Ethical Code of Conduct*. Also, council members asked to reflect on power relations linked to seniority.

The use and implications of the guidelines were also discussed. The text mentions *monitoring* without giving details who would be monitoring, it would be important to add that this is a collective responsibility and nothing the organisers can provide. There should be guidelines addressing all participants with recommendations on how to behave: ECER is a friendly conference. Criticism is welcome, provided it is respectful and constructive. When participants do not act in this way, listeners, especially seniors, should intervene. The existing chair guidelines should be supplemented with recommendations on how to de-escalate situations, providing step-by-step guidance on how to react. It would be good to also provide local organisers and volunteers with a handout of what EERA expects from them. EERA needs to decide on the consequences if a situation escalates. Local laws must always be respected, even if legal steps are not taken, EERA could decide to exclude a person from future events. Once the guidelines are finalised, they should also be used for other EERA events, the Summer School, network events etc. A first version will be prepared for Tampere, which can then be developed further afterwards.

5. Election of EERA President

Lucian Ciolan reported on the work of the nomination committee and presented two candidates. He also explained who in council is, per constitution, entitled to vote and who are not and he listed who would act as proxy for members not present. After voting by ballot, counting was done by two non-voting member and a voting observer. All in all, 29 eligible representatives of the EERA member associations could vote on the two candidates: Stephen McKinney and Petra Grell. The majority of votes favoured Petra Grell, who will start her shadowing year in August in Tampere, and will take over the mandate in August 2027. Marit Hoveid thanked both candidates for their readiness to be nominated and their will to support EERA and take responsibility.

6. Workshop – Open Access

In the 3hr Workshop council continued and deepened previous discussions around open access and EERAs potential strategies towards it. The workshop will be repeated in the network seminar. A Working group was set up to further work on a report/Whitepaper: Revaz, Erich, Maria, Lisa and Fabio will follow this up.

7. Member Associations

7.1 Report from Yassar Kondakci, EARDA - Turkey

Yasar Kondakci gave an insight into his association, its founding, activities and their open access journal. He also explained why there are two Turkish EERA member associations. He answered questions from Council on how they manage to grow their membership numbers. Thanks to their conference, and an offer for graduate programmes at flagship universities across Turkey, and a very active Social Media in addition to visiting universities and introducing their

association. Their main source of income is the conference, membership fees and some from publications. Lots of voluntary work for the journal etc. is also very valuable. They are not planning to create one big association, but there is a confederation of associations allowing them to work closely together without needing to be legally recognized.

8. Networks

8.1 Honorary Network Members /N.A.

8.2 Network Funding Update

Network 31 paused plans to organise a summer school in Tampere before ECER. Network 08 will have a social gathering to celebrate the NW 15th anniversary in Tampere. Network 34 will organise a Network Summer School on Citizenship Education in collaboration with the University of Porto from 11 to 13 June.

9. ERG Update

9.1 ERG Report

In her report Lisa Bugno thanked her team, the Senior Mentor and Fellows as well as the Co-Convenors for their valuable work which is especially important in light of the extremely high submission numbers for ERC. She also alerted Council that they are in urgent need of Session Mentors on the Monday and Tuesday. One of the plans for after ECER is to create a communication platform that will allow attendees to stay in touch outside of the conference. Networks 6 and 12 will help with that. Webinars will be organized to strengthen the connection between ERG and networks and to get in touch with emerging researchers in their groups. This could also be done with member associations, introducing ERG. Marit Hoveid thanked Lisa and her team for their work and highlighted how lucky EERA is to have such an energetic, competent and professional Emerging Researchers' Group. It has really put EERA forward!

9.2 ERG Journal

Summary of Report provided by Dragana Radanovic:

Dragana presented the concept of the new journal *Emerging Research in Education (ERE.Pub)* to the Council as a way to extend the scholarly work produced at the Emerging Researchers' Conference. The journal will operate as a Diamond Open Access, peer-reviewed publication, with a focus on developmental yet rigorous research. To maintain a strong link to the ERC community, only papers that have actually been presented at the conference will be eligible for submission. (No-shows, posters, ignite talks are not invited to submit).

For the inaugural issue, Dragana and Burcu Toptaş will serve as Editors-in-Chief, supported by Marit Honerød Hoveid. A team of co-editors drawn from current and former ERG convenors will help manage submissions. The Editorial Board will include ERG members, representatives from the EERA Council, and senior mentors from across the networks.

The journal plans to publish one issue each year without a strict cap on accepted articles. Dragana also noted that several formal rules still require a Council approval, such as word limits, formatting requirements, ethical declarations, plagiarism procedures, and co-authorship policies, all of which will be consolidated into clear Author Guidelines. Other remaining tasks before the launch include finalising the editorial responsibilities, establishing transparent workflows and confirming the financial model.

Technically, the journal will operate on the Open Journal Systems platform.

The Council expressed strong appreciation for the work already done. Members noted that potential dilemmas and challenges had already been identified and were being addressed, for

example through the development of ethical policies. Overall, the Council welcomed the initiative and highlighted that it is encouraging to see EERA actively nurturing and supporting the talent within the Emerging Researchers' Group.

Dragana also asked for volunteers for the Editorial Board. Ineke, Marit, Marta, Maria, Revaz, Javid and Blerim stepped forwards. The project will also be presented to the Network Link Convenors in May in Berlin.

10. EERA Summer School

10.1 2025/2026 Chemnitz

Marit presented the report, which was handed in on the first edition of the summer school 2025 in Chemnitz and thanked Volker Bank and the local organising team. The overall feedback from participants was very positive and the report provides valuable insights for future organisers, including examples of the schedule, set up of groups and side events. Revaz Tabatadze attended EERSS in Porto and 2025 in Chemnitz and found it a wonderful opportunity to come to know other emerging researchers, get feedback for own work and create networks.

10.2 2027/2028 Vilnius

The contract has already been set up, and basic things are in place.

10.3 Future Summer Schools

The colleagues from Georgia expressed interest in hosting a Summer School in 2029/2030. They will be in contact with EERA Office to look into details.

11. Publications, Blog and Social Media

11.1 EERJ Report

Council received an update on the European Educational Research Journal (EERJ), highlighting its mission to advance European educational research through diverse perspectives and critical analyses. Following a workshop in Zurich in January 26, the editorial board is revising the journal's aims and scope, and both the Executive and Editorial Boards have been expanded. A LinkedIn account has been established to strengthen visibility. Volume 24 (2025) comprised five issues with individual papers and one Special Issue, and for 2026 the plan foresees six regular issues, including at least four Special Issues. The current Online First collection includes around 59 articles and are available on the SAGE website.

Marit Hoveid said that EERA can be proud of its strong journal and thanked the editorial board for their invaluable work.

11.2 EERA Blog (postponed)

A report will be given at the August meeting. Council was reminded that the blog can also be used by them to spread the news on special developments or projects in their region.

12. External Relations

12.1 EEASH

Marit reported on the work of EASSH, which is a very active association. She stressed the importance of being part of it. Thanks to Joe O'Hara, their current president, educational research is more visible within EASSH.

12.2 WERA – Information

WERA Focal Meeting in Taiwan, OCT 2026, EERA will again represent all EERA member associations, nevertheless Council may be interested in attending themselves. Administration and organisation of WERA are very different from EERA and need some further development. Their Emerging Researchers' Group has evolved over the last year, also thanks to our ERG representative there.

12.3 ISE

Andreas Hadjar sees some problems in that association: they have lost members, some member associations are in bad financial conditions and ISE is facing human resource and financial problems. Nevertheless, there are some lobbyists for support of European research doing good work. He will soon attend a meeting and will report back in August. If anyone from Council is willing to engage with them, they are invited to do so.

13. Upcoming Meetings

22 August 2026, 9:00 - 17:00: Council in Tampere

TBC: January 2027, online

12 - 13 March 2027: Council Meeting Berlin, Hotel Rossi

4 September 2027, 9:00 – 17:00, Council in Debrecen