

NW01 meeting September 11th 2025, Belgrade

Chair(s): Mihaela Mitescu-Manea & Stefan Zehetmeier

Mihaela Mitescu-Manea presented the NW01 meeting agenda

1. Welcome and introduction by the convenor team

All convenors present at the meeting introduced themselves to the audience. Mihaela Mitescu-Manea gave a brief introduction to Sally Windsor, Amanda Ince, and Hasmik Kyureghyan, who were unable to attend the conference this year.

2. Submitting, reviewing, and communicating

Mihaela Mitescu-Manea presented information on the participation rate to ECER in Belgrade at NW01, including the number of scheduled presentations, including paper presentations, symposia, workshops, panel discussions, and poster presentations, and the percentage rate of acceptance of submitted proposals.

Mihaela Mitescu-Manea explained the review process (main actions, a broad calendar, and EERA's recognition of reviewers' work) and underlined the significance of the change in the review criteria and the effects it produced in the quality and relevance of the presentations at ECER 2015 for NW01.

Participants have been asked to fill in a form expressing their availability to review proposals at NW01 for ECER 2026 and to offer chair sessions.

They have also been asked if they consent to receive a Newsletter from NW01. All the personal data collected through this form will comply with GDPR under EERA requirements.

3. Programming

Stefan Zehetmeier explained the complexity of the programming process beyond finding thematic convergences between presentations. This includes time deadlines, designated time slots/rooms, people withdrawing or not being able to attend a session well after registering at the conference, etc. Participants have been invited to provide feedback on the NW01 program for ECER 2025.

4. NW01 Activities in 2026

Mihaela Mitescu-Manea announced the upcoming NW01 Spring School, scheduled for 21–23 April 2026 at the West University of Timișoara, Romania. The event will focus on *Academic Writing and Research in an Era of AI – Concerns and Opportunities for Professional Learning*

in Education in Europe. It was suggested that the next NW01 newsletter include details of the application process for early-career researchers interested in participating. The confirmed tutors are Fiona King, Alex Alexandrou, and Sally Windsor.

Mihaela Mitescu-Manea also announced Hannu Heikkinen as the confirmed keynote speaker for ECER 2026 in Tampere, Finland. Hannu Heikkinen briefly introduced the theme of his keynote address and extended a warm invitation to participants to join the conference in Tampere.

Ken Jones provided an update on the Network 01 newsletter, emphasizing its role as a platform for strengthening ties and enhancing networking among NW01 members throughout the year, both during and between conferences. Ken highlighted the importance of continuously sharing ideas through the newsletter and acknowledged Sally Windsor, who is responsible for its publication.

5. Discussion in small groups:

- a. Shared research interests
- b. Key interests of participants that Network 01 can follow up on in 2026

Stefan Zehetmeier and Maurizio Gentile facilitated this part of the meeting. Participants were invited to share their interests in relation to NW01, focusing on areas they would like to explore in the coming years, as well as on the question: *“How could NW01 better address your interests?”*

It was suggested that convenors highlight potential themes for symposia and invite members to submit proposals, using the NW01 newsletter as the main communication channel. These proposed themes will be included in the November edition of the newsletter.

6. Announcements

Invitation for an Emerging Researcher to Join the Convenors’ Team: Mihaela Mitescu-Manea announced that the convenors’ team intends to include one emerging researcher, which is in line with EERA policy. Nominations from emerging researchers were invited during the meeting, and interested candidates are encouraged to submit their applications by email. Applications should include a brief personal statement, which will be shared confidentially with the current convenors. The team will then decide on the appointment.

There were 25 participants in attendance at the Network 01 Business Meeting.

Mihaela Mitescu-Manea has written this report on September 11th, 2025.