

NW1 business meeting August 24th 2023, Glasgow

Present:

Link Convenors: Ken Jones, Mihaela Mitescu-Manea

Convenors: Hannu Heikkinen, Giorgio Ostinelli, Sally Windsor, Amanda Ince

Chair: Ken Jones

Network members participating in the meeting: 51 representatives from Europe, Japan, the USA, Australia

- **NW1 meeting agenda:**

1. ***Network meeting***

- a. ***Welcome and introduction by the convenor team***

All members of the convenors team who were present at the meeting introduced themselves to the audience. A brief introduction of our colleague Stefan Zetmeier, who could not attend the conference this year, was done by Ken Jones.

- b. ***Submitting, reviewing and communicating***

Mihaela Mitescu Manea presented information on the participation rate to ECER in Glasgow at NW 1. There were 137 scheduled presentations, including paper presentations, seven symposia, two workshops, two panel discussions and four poster presentations. NW1 had a 95% rate of acceptance of submitted proposals. This presents ECER in Glasgow as one of the most successful for NW1 and emphasises the importance of the quality of the review process.

A presentation of the review process (main actions, a broad calendar and the recognition of reviewers' work by EERA) and a change in the review criteria were presented, and the audience was invited to address the differences. It was decided that in the upcoming review cycle (for ECER 2024), reviewers will provide feedback on the clarity and usefulness of how review criteria and explanations have been modified.

Participants were also asked to fill in a form expressing their availability to review proposals at NW01 for ECER 2024 and chair sessions. They were also asked if they would consent to receiving a Newsletter from NW01. All the personal data collected through this pen-and-paper form complied with GDPR under the EERA requirements. The audience has been informed about the purpose of this data-gathering and the terms and conditions of data processing. Consent to fill in the form was free and informed.

Ken Jones presented an overview of the programming process and introduced the members of the convenors' team responsible for programming. The complexity of the programming process beyond finding thematic convergences between presentations, which include time deadlines, designated time slots/rooms, people withdrawing or not being able to attend a session well after registering at the conference, etc., was unpacked to address some feedback on the thematic relevance of a few presentations that seemed to have been mismatching.

c. Network 1 purposes and aims for 2024

Sally Windsor and Amanda Ince introduced the Network 01 newsletter as an intended mechanism to strengthen ties and increase networking opportunities between members of NW01 throughout the year and between ECER. The structure, calendar and potential content of the proposed newsletter were presented, and suggestions from participants at the meeting were called for.

2. Discussion in small groups:

- a. Shared research interests
- b. Key interests of participants which Network 1 can follow up in 2024

Hannu Heikkinen moderated this portion of the meeting with Ken Jones and Mihaela Mitescu Manea. Hannu presented a brief overview of the network's past names and introduced the participants to Jones's (2015) conceptualisation of professional learning and development as a starting point for participants in the meeting to gather in small groups and discuss their shared research interests and to identify key themes which NW01 can follow up in 2024. Participants were asked to respond to the question, "How could the NW1 better meet your interests?" and were given a menti.com link and access code to write their answers.

A list of answers was compiled on menti.com and later presented and discussed with the audience at the meeting. Members of the audience were asked to expand on and propose ways to operationalise suggestions such as: "host social events" and "be able to learn new perspectives from others". It was suggested that the NW01 convenors secure a time slot at the beginning of ECER 2024 for participants to get acquainted and start networking during the conference sessions more flexibly. It was also suggested that the Network's Newsletter include events/ information about activities happening in the national research associations members of EERA that are relevant to NW01.

It has been proposed that the list of suggestions compiled on menti.com will be shared with the NW meeting participants, and the dialogue on how these suggestions could be materialised will be ongoing throughout the year.

At the end of the NW1 meeting, members of the audience asked about the possibility of being included in the team of convenors. The convenors will have a debriefing meeting soon after ECER Glasgow and discuss the proposal to expand the team to include more convenors.

Mihaela Mitescu Manea wrote this report on August 28th 2023.