Network 08 Annual Meeting Minutes

ECER 2026, Tampere
21 August 2026

1. Welcome

Members were welcomed to the annual meeting of Network 08 held during ECER 2026 in Tampere.

2. Overview of Network Submissions

An overview of submissions to the network was presented.

- Total submissions received: 102
- Accepted: 64
- Rejected: 11
- Redirected: 27

The accepted contributions reflected a diversity of formats, including:

- 52 papers
- 3 symposia
- 3 posters
- 4 ignite talks
- 1 panel
- 1 workshop

Members welcomed the continued growth and diversity of submissions to the network.

3. Celebrating 15 Years of Network 08

The meeting marked the 15th anniversary of Network 08. Members reflected on the development of the network over the past fifteen years and acknowledged the contributions of colleagues who have supported its growth and success. Dr Monica Carrlson secured funding from EERA to mark this milestone with a celebratory drink at our Network Dinner on Thursday evening.

4. Network Activities During the Past Year

Updates were provided on activities undertaken since the previous annual meeting, including meetings on potential European COST actions and other research initiatives.

Four new co-convenors joined the network in the past year:

- Nis Primdahl
- Sara Carbonell

- Marta Branda
- Hanna Saarinen

Members were also informed of the publication of the special issue: **Advancing Equity, Voice, and Sustainability in School Wellbeing**, guest edited by Catriona O'Toole and Anita Sandmeier, published in Health Education.

5. Reflections and Impressions from ECER 2026

Members shared reflections and impressions from the conference. The discussion highlighted the quality of presentations, opportunities for networking and collaboration, and the value of international exchange across health and wellbeing education research.

6. Ongoing Partnership with Health Education

The ongoing partnership between Network 08 and Health Education was discussed. Members noted the success of recent special issues and welcomed opportunities for future collaboration.

7. Current and Future Research Activities

Discussion focused on:

- Potential future special issues with Health Education
- Funding proposals and collaborative research opportunities across the network
- Ways that the network might support funding bids aligned to its mission

Members were encouraged to continue developing international research partnerships and funding applications.

8. Election of New Link Convenor

Catriona O'Toole has served as Link Convenor since 2021. Members expressed their appreciation for her leadership, commitment, and dedicated service to the network over this period. Catriona O'Toole was warmly thanked for her contribution to the continued development and success of Network 08.

Following the nomination and election process, Dr Kevin Dadaczynski of University of Potsdam was elected as the new Link Convenor.

Marta Branda of University of Milano-Bicocca was elected as the Emerging Researchers' Representative.

The meeting congratulated both colleagues on their appointments and wished them every success in their new roles.

Decisions

- Dr Kevin Dadaczynski elected Link Convenor.
- Marta Branda elected Emerging Researchers' Representative.

9. ECER 2027

Members received information regarding ECER 2027, which will take place in Debrecen, Hungary.

The conference theme will be: **"Learning Communities and Shared Futures in Education."**

Members noted the announcement of the keynote speakers. There was also discussion of a possible special call relating to the conference theme.

Meeting Close

The Chair thanked members for their attendance and contributions and looked forward to continued collaboration within Network 08.